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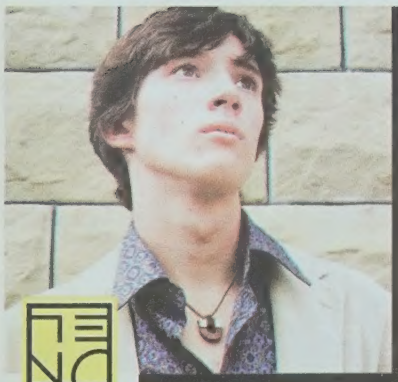

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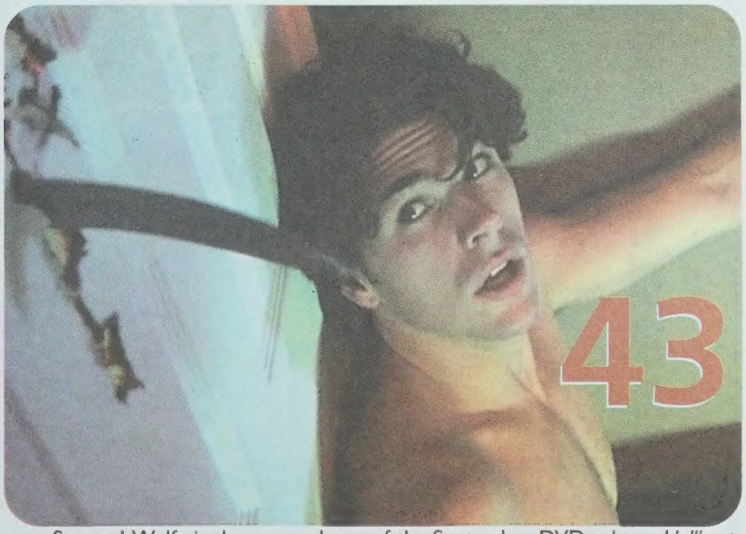

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Double Standard?

By John Coulbourn

It probably does not reflect well upon me that my first thought on hearing the news that Lance Bass, former member of *NSYNC was gay was something along the lines of: "Well finally, the poor lad can get on with the career in gay porn that his parents clearly intended for him when they named him." But before anyone dismisses me as being entirely too glib, let me hasten to assure you that my second thought was at least a trifle less shallow. Having digested the earth-shattering news that the heretofore straight-as-an-arrow world of boy bands had been penetrated (in a manner of speaking, of course) by a close personal Friend Of Dorothy's, I immediately began a media watch, waiting for the inevitable—and I was not disappointed.

Hot on the heels of the breathless coverage of Bass's sexuality in every pop-cult magazine and on every similarly themed TV show, there came the inevitable articles like the one penned by Tara Merrin at the Calgary Sun, questioning the purported newsworthiness of such an announcement. "In a day and age that made hits out of *Will & Grace*, *Brokeback Mountain* and *Queer Eye For The Straight Guy*, is this really news?" queried Merrin, in a clearly rhetorical sense, as she sallied forth to paint a portrait of a world so absolutely cool and accepting that being a member of the GBLT community is actually no big whoop at all.

In fact, in documenting the post-closet careers of stars like k.d. lang, Elton John, Rosie O'Donnell, Ellen Degeneres and a few others, Merrin almost had me wishing I could be gay so I could get me a piece of the action.

It was just about precisely at that moment that I realized a few things. Primarily, of course, I realized that I already was gay, although unfortunately, not quite as successful as some of the others Merrin cited, not that I'm complaining.

But I also realized that, in a feat of physical dexterity not seen since the last time Cirque du Soleil visited these shores, Merrin was successfully managing to type with both hands while simultaneously patting herself on the back, proclaiming her own broad-mindedness by insisting, perhaps a little too loudly, that details of someone's sexuality were so private that they shouldn't be considered newsworthy.

Just what planet does this woman inhabit, I found myself wondering, for surely it doesn't look familiar.

Was she really, even for a moment, suggesting that in a world obsessed with the goings on of Brad and Angelina, Tom and Katie, Pamela and Kid Rock, Paris and a pantheon of gods from the world of sports and the like, there was someone whose sex life was off limits to a media obsessed with dirt and details? This, in the same week as a respected Canadian periodical named MacLeans carried way more information that most anyone would ever want to know about the intimate habits of one Hugh Heffner? I dived back into Merrin's opus one more time in search of edification, if not illumination.

And that's when it struck me.

For all the perceived openness in the news media, there remains a double standard when it comes to alternate sexualities.

When a very-married Brad deserts Jennifer for Angelina, there was nary a single breathless headline that screamed, "Brad is straight". Nope, it was all about Brad and Angelina doin' it.

Yet, in covering the Lance Bass story, even Merrin doesn't mention the object of Bass' affection (for the record, he's dating Amazing Race's Reichen Lehmkuhl) until somewhere around paragraph eight of her story. All of which leaves me wondering just what is behind the "Brad and Angelina are doing it/Lance is gay" dichotomy in the news—and frankly, the only explanation I can think of is that many in the mainstream media still see being gay as something of which we should be slightly ashamed—a lingering stigma that can be overcome with the help of a liberal media, just as long as we aren't too gay about it. ▼

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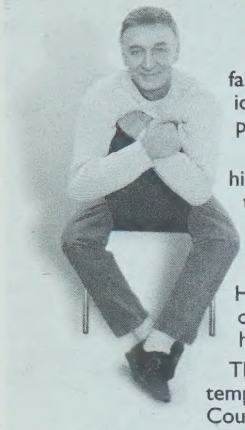

Stevie's Summer No-Shows

As the long hot days of summer draw to a close and fall approaches, it is interesting to reflect upon the political antics emanating from the past few months and prepare for what's in store in the changing seasons.

The summer began with our Prime Minister visiting his new best friend—George W, President of our giant trading partner to the south. The President decided (just like a high school student) right in the middle of a wonderful media photo opportunity at a White House news conference to publicly give Stephen Harper a new nickname *Stevie*. What's a Prime Minister of Canada to do? Accept with grace, of course—and hope that it doesn't stick.

This didn't deter our Prime Minister from those tempting media photo ops throughout the summer. Countless summer cookouts, including a classic chuck-wagon breakfast at the Calgary Stampede, provided the Conservative Party with fund-raising opportunities for their imminent campaign to seek a majority government in the House of Commons.

In July, our Prime Minister was in Paris for a meeting with the French President Jacques Chirac. Instead of returning directly home he chose instead to fly to the Lebanon crisis scene and use his plane to bring home stranded Canadians. This, we were told, was not a photo op but "the right thing to do". Certainly, the one hundred and fifty or so stranded citizens were very grateful and the media endorsed his action with positive reporting.

However, when Montreal hosted the 1st. World Outgames and welcomed over thirteen thousand GLBT athletes and thousands more tourists from around the world Stevie was absent. Our Prime Minister declined to attend the opening ceremonies where he was invited to welcome these GLBT visitors to Canada plus fellow Canadians who attended. Obviously, it was not a good photo opportunity as "it was the left thing to do" and would upset those good old conservative right-wing core voters of his party. Fellow Albertan and often outspoken k.d. lang said, "Harper has chosen to support intolerance by refusing to attend a gathering of gay athletes. It is a sad statement that the national leader of a country that's one of the most progressive countries in the world chooses to support intolerance." This received very little media exposure across Canada and Stevie's no-show went mostly unnoticed.

Within a couple of short weeks of the Games' conclusion, Stevie managed another photo op no-show, narrowly escaping the potential for huge international media exposure, at the sixteenth annual International AIDS conference in Toronto. With guests including former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Bill and Melinda Gates and actor Richard Gere, it's surprising the Prime Minister of Canada chose not to play host. Obviously once again " it was the left thing to do" and would not sit well with right-wing heretics in the Conservative Party of Canada. In 1989, Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney attended the same event when Montreal hosted the Conference. But Stephen Harper could never be accused of following in other leader's footsteps. Even though today statistics show that almost fifty per-cent of new HIV infection occurs amongst women, this potential political hot potato within his Party was too hot for our current Prime minister.

So, the politics of summer are behind us and we can look toward the fall and a new Ottawa parliamentary session. Early in this sitting of the House Prime Minister Stephen Harper has promised to revisit the Same-Sex Marriage Act. He has expressed his intention to introduce a new vote in the House of Commons in an attempt to overturn last year's legislation. Rest assured this is another of his election promises he is determined to fulfill. Having appeased his right-wing constituents all summer long he is not likely to stop at this issue.

As sure as the leaves drop from the trees this fall, it will be important for you to contact your local Member of Parliament and make your feelings known on same-sex marriage. Visit the EGALE website at **egale.ca** for details as to how you can contact your M.P. and become involved. Even though the most recent surveys show that the majority of Canadians prefer not to revisit this controversial issue Stevie has decided that this is one hot potato from which he plans to take a bite. Must be a leftover craving from the summer barbecue circuit.

So as the seasons change, watch out for some disagreements between political parties on the Canadian governmental landscape and be ready to make your voice heard. ▼

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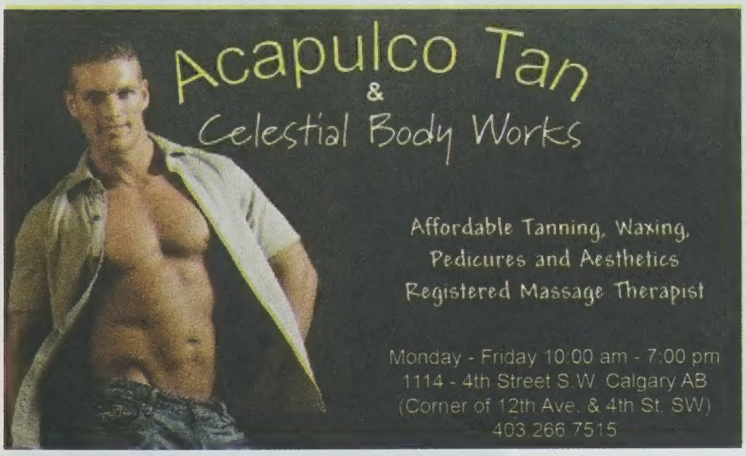

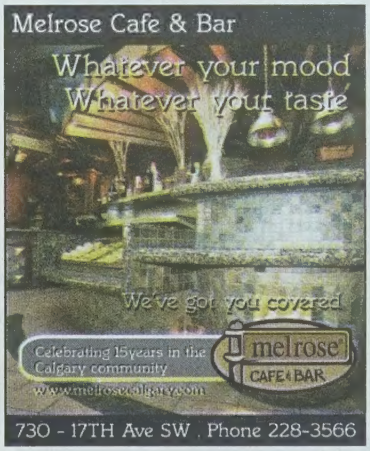

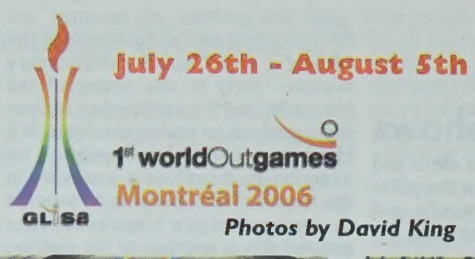

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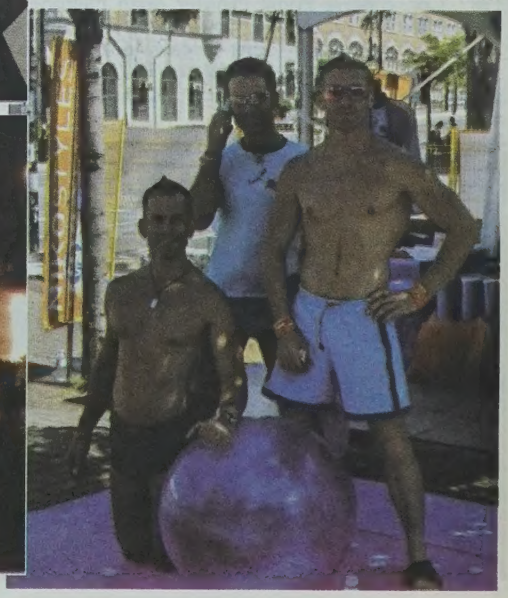

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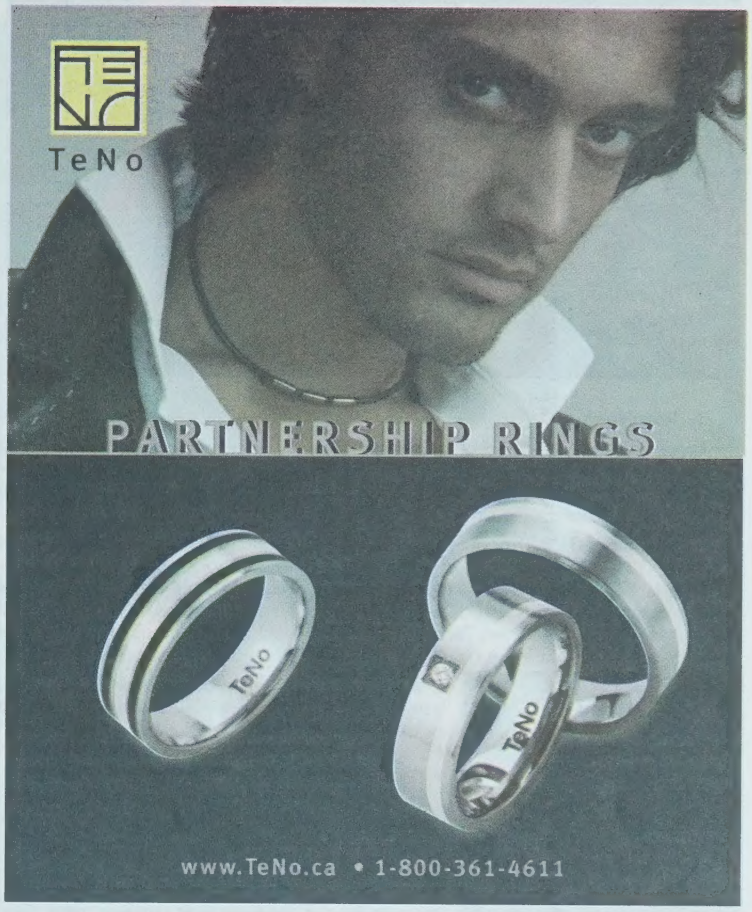

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By Roy Heale

According to former U.S. president Bill Clinton, the fight against HIV/AIDS has come a long way. However, there's still much work to do and not enough money to do it. Clinton made these remarks when addressing the delegates at the 16th International Conference on AIDS in Toronto last month.

An estimated 31,000 people from over 130 countries converged on Toronto August 13 to 18 for six days of seminars, panel discussions, research and scientific updates including new drug discoveries. Remembering those whose lives ended prematurely due to AIDS and its related complications, a nighttime vigil was observed in downtown Toronto. This year marks the dubious anniversary of twenty-five years since the deadly virus was first identified and named in 1981.

Richard Gere

Ten years ago, when Vancouver hosted the same conference there were an estimated twenty-one million people worldwide with HIV/AIDS. Today that number has swollen to forty million.

Peter Piot, the head of the UN AIDS agency said in 2004, "It's as big a threat as terrorism," pointing to the staggering death toll and the social devastation it wreaks particularly on the African, Indian and Asian continents where there are millions of orphans and children with very little future because they are HIV positive.

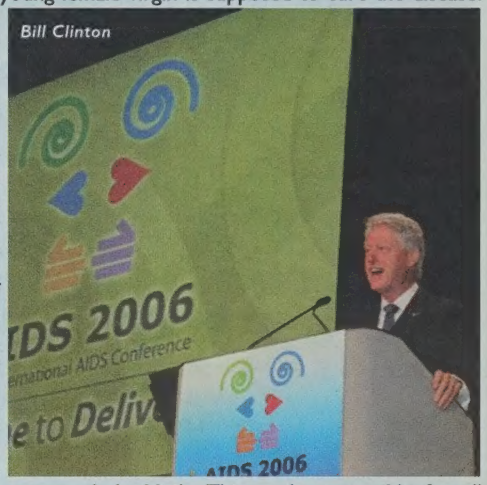
Other world leaders attending the conference included Bill and Melinda Gates whose Foundation recently pledged $500 million over the next five years to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. Actor Richard Gere attended in support of The Heroes Project in India. This venture educates people on AIDS prevention in India through television public service announcements in partnership with STAR India Television. "It's the true terrorist on the planet today," the New York actor said of the pandemic. Canadian Stephen Lewis, the UN's special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, was lauded by Bill Clinton for a lifetime of public service and dedication to his work in Africa.

Unfortunately, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, chose not to attend the conference. Instead, he left Health Minister Tony Clement to represent the host country and welcome the world to Toronto. This absence was much noted by the world media, the delegates, the convention guest speakers and visiting dignitaries. At the mass Vigil in downtown Toronto on August 17 when Tony Clement made his appearance on stage the loud cries came from the crowd "Where's Stephen Harper?" This audible statement could be clearly heard on the CBC Newsworld live televised broadcast of the vigil, most certainly putting many Canadians to shame at home and around the world.

Conference Co-Chair Dr. Mark Wainberg and Canadian Minister of Health Tony Clement at the opening press conference

One of the most notable legacies from this conference is certain to be the emphasis placed on women with HIV/AIDS. In Canada today, approximately twenty-five per cent of new cases of the disease are diagnosed in women and this number is higher in many other countries. Several presentations focused on the challenges faced by the female patients and the impact on their immediate families.

This included grandmothers who, when faced with the death of their siblings, suddenly found themselves in difficult situations raising their grandchildren with limited financial and social resources. It also included orphans where the oldest child, who might be barely a teenager, is suddenly the head of the household. Perhaps the most devastating female victim of all comes from an ancient myth whereby having sex with a young female virgin is supposed to cure the disease. This can lead to rape victims who are left not only with the assault on their dignity but the HIV virus to deal with for the rest of their lives.


Bill Clinton

The host broadcaster for the conference was CBC and they are certainly to be commended for their excellent coverage on both radio and television. Daily, their newscasts were full of stories from the activities at the conference and each night Newsworld ran a particularly relevant one-hour documentary in prime time. They also provided live broadcast coverage on Newsworld, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the Vigil. This made it possible for all Canadians to feel as though they were a part of this historic event even if they couldn't make it to Toronto.

The theme of the conference, Time To Deliver, is perhaps the most relevant legacy of these important discussions in Toronto. Many governments around the world have made past promises to support the fight against this pandemic and have failed to honour their commitments. Now more than ever, it is time to deliver and slow the progress or perhaps halt the ravages of HIV/AIDS both physical and social.

In the event that you missed the reporting from this conference, there is still an opportunity to participate in the fight against this deadly virus. This month is the time for AIDS Walks across Canada. You can help raise the much-needed funds for our research and support programs here at home. Be sure to join your local AIDS organisation and put your best foot forward to raise some money for your community.

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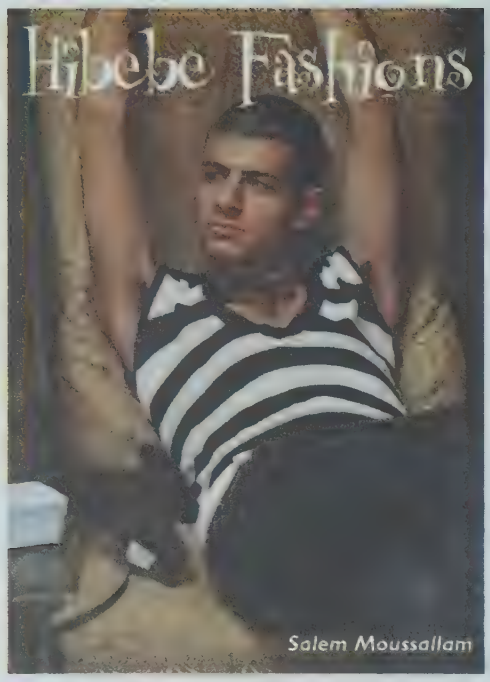


Salem Moussallam

By Jesse Trautmann

The fashion forward clothing designer, Salem Moussallam, is on the fast track to success at age twenty. Over the last year, the creative mind behind Hibebe designs has been shown at Fashion Cares, dressed celebrities, is about to open his own showroom studio in Toronto's fashion district and is launching a new fall/winter line.

Outlooks sat down with Salem Moussallam the morning after he was abruptly called in the early hours by the hosts of City TV's *Breakfast Television*, who were interviewing the 2006 Miss Universe winner. She was raving about the dresses she wore on the show and how much she loved them.

"I was put on the air live at eight in the morning, I had no idea they were going to call," said Moussallam, who admits he doesn't usually get up until 10 a.m., "It was exciting."

Moussallam went to school completing the two-year fashion design program at the International Academy of Design and has come along way from being a fourteen-year old with a passion to cater to men with a twenty-six to twenty-eight-inch waist—like him—who could never find pants that fit. Now he's designing full clothing lines that are being sold at three different locations across Toronto and will soon be in Holt Renfrew.

Fall/Winter Line

The new line fully launching by the end of September 2006 will stay true to Hibebe's signature boy-meets-girl, girl-meets-boy style with oversize sweaters, high-waisted pants with cuts resembling the roaring twenties. The overall look and mood of the collection is dark denim, yellows, browns, pinks, greens, grays and some dark military. It's really about what fall/winter is to me: dark and muted.

But with the good times comes the bad. Last year, Paris Hilton wore one of his dresses to the MTV Video Awards, which should have been a huge opportunity for any designer, but instead he ended up on a worst dressed list.

"She wore it all wrong! She had her tits hanging out of the bottom of the chest wrap," Moussallam said in defense. "It was all wrong."

Sure enough, he showed me pictures of Paris at the event and even I could tell she vamped it up and made it her own. She might as well have been wearing Crocs. Moussallam would agree. His biggest pet peeve right now is Crocs.

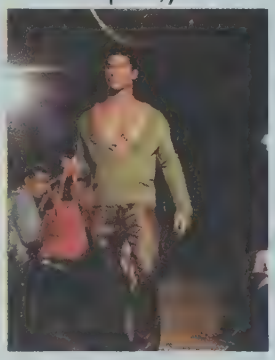
"They're the biggest fashion no-no. They look like Home Depot gardening shoes," he bitches "First Uggs, now Crocs. It's a temporary trend."

Another thing that irks Moussallam is the stigma that comes with being a fashion designer. He hates the stigmas that come with the industry: being a queen, a flamer and a fag who loves the drama. Gay men tend to abuse words and terms like jock. You can have a certain look or masculine style yet play absolutely no sports and still define yourself as a jock. Sometimes the scene can get too caught up with labels.

When asked how he defines himself, he responds, "I'm one of a kind".

Peoples' negativity actually keeps him motivated, even when it comes from his straight best friend. Ryan Labar, a top Canadian model, tells him to settle down with the crop tops and extensively ripped jeans saying the clothes are too gay.

"He complains, yet he's always wearing my clothes," said Moussallam.



Rumours

"Being young and successful has its price", Moussallam remarked. He can't escape rampant rumors that spread in the gay scene.

"People always say that the Luis Vuitton bags I own are fake!" He said clutching his bag.

"Pass the luggage—let's put it to rest." He handed me a make-up case sized satchel and I couldn't find proof that this seemingly good knock-off was real. He then showed me his portfolio case.

"If the pattern is right-side up on one side of the bag and upside down on the other when you flip it, it's real."

He's right. Not to mention his Gucci wallet was real too—this boy doesn't mess around.

Another rumor is that he had a threesome with the DSquared2 twins at a Fashion Cares after party. "Ok, that one is half true," he admits. "They wanted me to follow them into the back room, you get the idea."

"Did you?" I asked.

"No! I'm not like that. Plus I don't have to sleep my way to the top," he laughs.

Currently, Moussallam is taking communications courses to beef up his business smarts in the industry. He's also stepping up the professional ladder as Hibebe's creative team is getting out of Mousallam's basement and opening a showroom and workspace studio at King and Bathurst in downtown Toronto.

For a full look at Hibebe's fall/winter collection go to **hibebe.ca**. His designs can be found at Boutique Sport (138 Cumberland), Want Boutique (various locations), Cool Clothes in Toronto, and Freeds in Windsor. ▼

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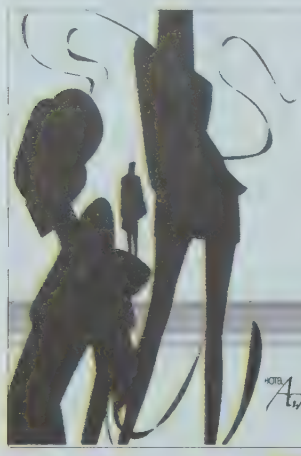

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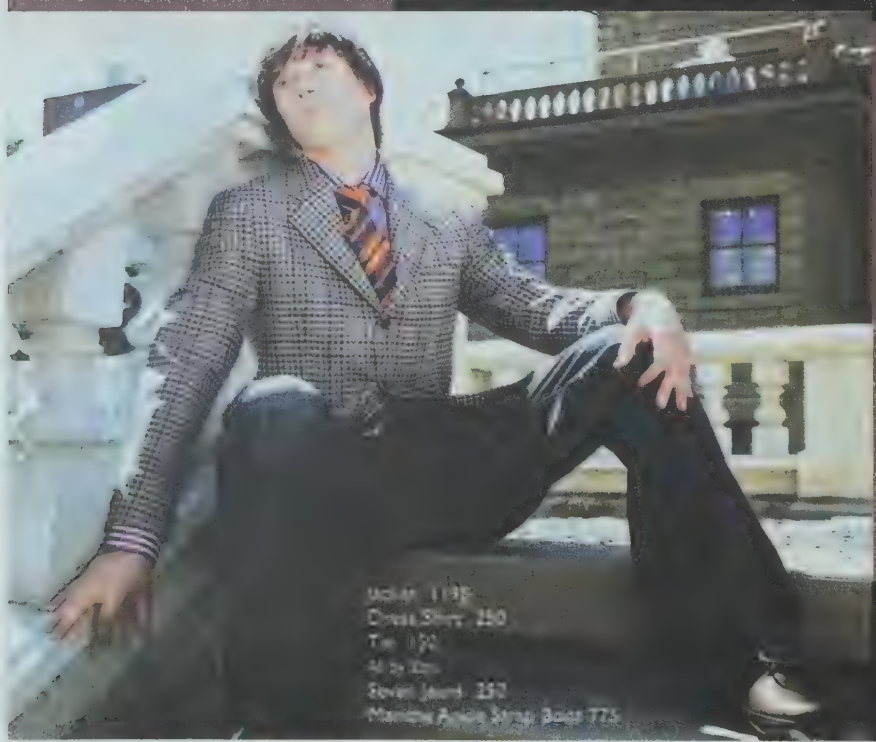

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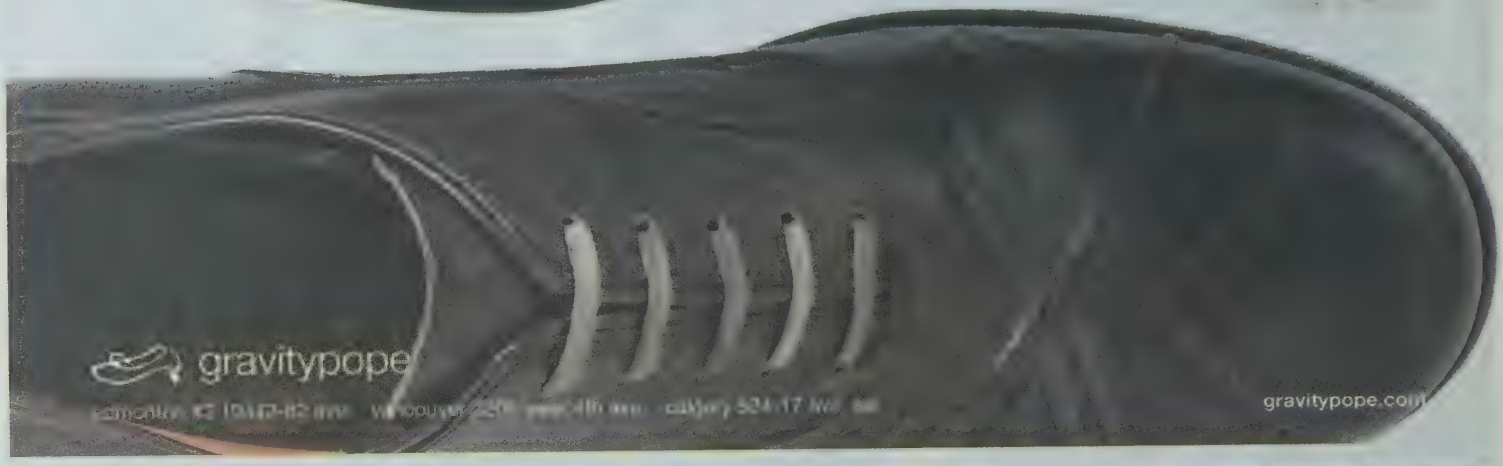

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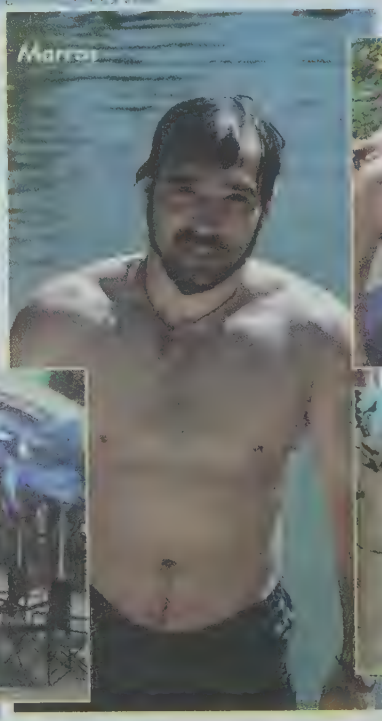

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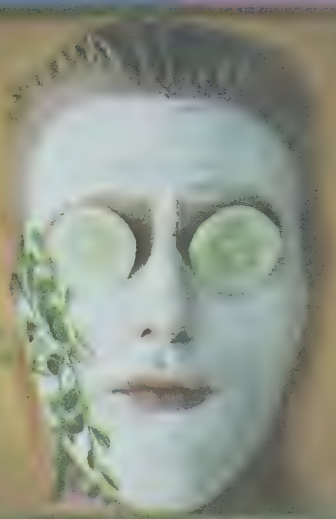

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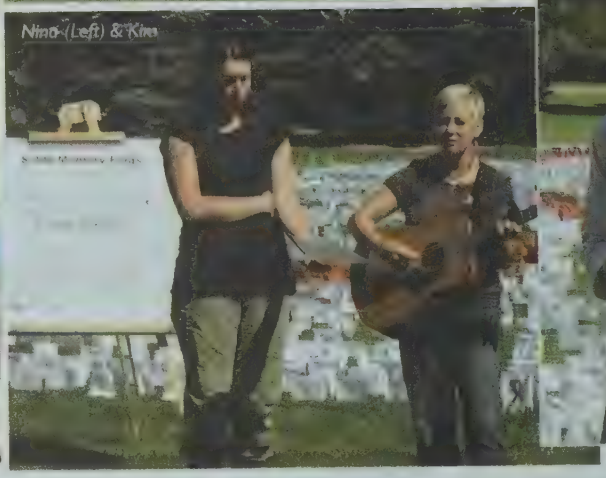
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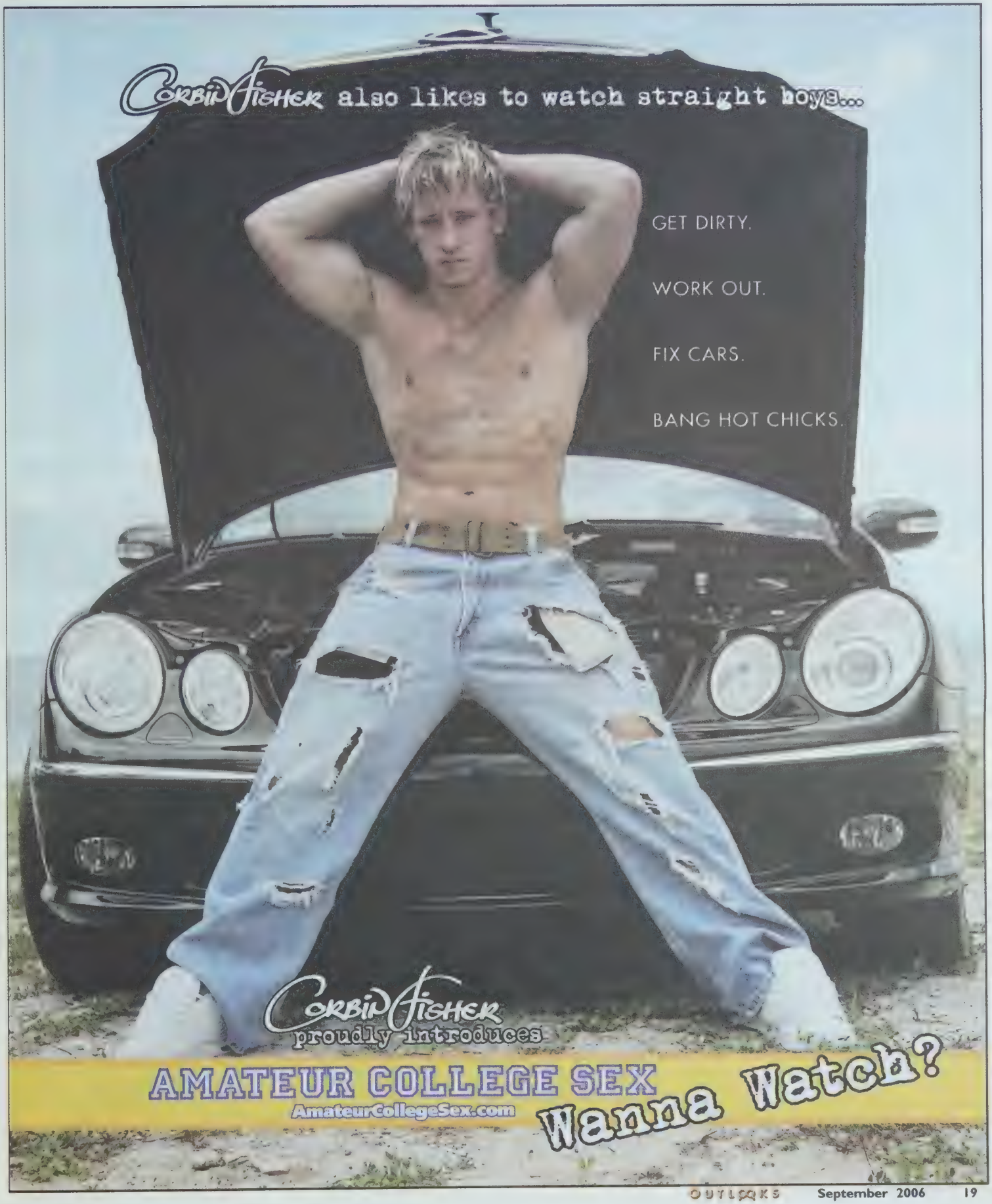
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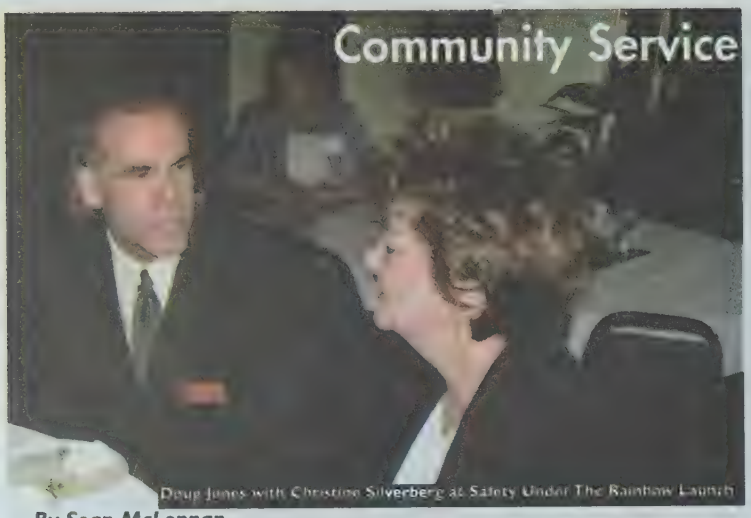

Doug Jones with Christine Silverberg at Safety Under The Rainbow Launch

By Sean McLennan

Doug Jones is a name well known in gay and lesbian circles in Calgary: for the last seven or so years, he was our bridge to the Calgary Police Service in his role of Liaison to the GLBT Community. Doug retired from the police force last year, but far from disappearing from our midst onto a golf course somewhere, he's given himself a bit of makeover. The face is familiar, but his new "outfit" is the United Way.

As our Liaison, Doug had a significant impact on our relationship with the police and improved their ability to effectively respond to the unique needs of our community. For instance, he was instrumental in putting in place a mechanism by which individuals could report incidents without filing formal reports or identifying themselves. Crimes directed at gay and lesbians are typically under-reported because of continuing social-stigma concerns—an anonymous reporting system is critical to gain a better picture of the prevalence of homophobia-driven crime in the city.

Doug's unit—the Cultural Resources Unit (now the Diversity Resources Unit)—was responsible for all hate and bias crimes in the city and he simultaneously served as the Hate/Bias Crime Coordinator. Now, because of Doug, hate and bias crimes are tracked centrally in a special database and his influence is expanding beyond the city limits. Doug co-founded a provincial committee on hate and bias crimes that is attempting to standardize how they are dealt with in communities province-wide. To fully quantify the impact that Doug Jones has had on Calgary would be time consuming indeed and would cover areas as diverse as the training of new police recruits, bullying in schools, and same-sex domestic abuse.

Perhaps more significantly than any individual initiative, the cumulative impact of Doug and his colleagues' efforts on the force and in public outreach is simply confidence that, when we need it, gays and lesbians can count on support rather than homophobia from the city police. The value of that kind of security can't be understated or taken for granted in a world where as often as not homosexuals find themselves on the wrong side of the law, simply for existing.

Doug came up for retirement after twenty-five years of devoted service with the Calgary Police and left his Liaison position in the capable hands of Constable Tyler Stoutenburg (welcome Tyler!). Escaping the allure of a sedentary lifestyle, Doug found himself at the doors of United Way of Calgary and Area where he'd be able continue to make a difference in Calgary. He says he didn't realize how much his skills and contacts from the Cultural Resources Unit would translate—he's still out "on the beat" and connecting with people everyday. Two big, fundamental, lessons he took away from his career with the police are 1) SUPPORT IS NEEDED and 2) it *IS* possible to break the cycles that prevent the disadvantaged from improving their situations.

Since Doug joined United Way, he's recognized that there is a positive relationship between the Calgary GLBT Community and United Way as it is a very inclusive organisation which embraces diversity. You might have spotted Doug and his team at Pride this year, or at the ARGRA Canadian Rockies International Rodeo.

United Way itself is an interesting organization—originally founded as the "Community Chest" in 1940, it became known as United Way of Calgary and Area in 1990. Unlike most not-for-profits, United Way's mission is to invest in the community via other local agencies—to effectively tackle the root causes of chronic social problems and identify the most impactful projects and programs to support. This allows the organisation to better direct resources to where they are needed and to a wider diversity of groups that may be less successful at developing their own resource base. Simultaneously, this approach fosters a more stable network of independent support organizations and engages a broader demographic, which of course reinforces the community's ability to respond to issues of varying scale. In 2005, United Way of Calgary and Area invested an astonishing $40.8 million dollars in 250 programs and initiatives through 130 agencies.

Thanks to the contribution of people like Doug, an army of volunteers (about 15,000 in 2005) and donors (about 51,000 last year), United Way of Calgary and Area is the most successful—per capita—in Canada. However, although raising money is definitely an important component of United Way's mandate, participation is a more important goal. According to Doug, education is the biggest obstacle; once people better understand the issues in the community, they're very generous with their time and resources and more willing to take action. Consequently, much of United Way's activities focus on getting regular people out into the streets to experience things firsthand.

One unique program that accomplishes this is the "United Way Day of Caring", where a group of individuals—employees from a common workplace, community groups, etc.—spend a day completing a positive project on-site. This could be anything from a gardening project to serving meals to throwing a Halloween party—there are hundreds of worthwhile projects listed on the their website just waiting to be taken on.

Doug Jones is committed to working in diverse communities during his tenure at United Way, the GLBT community included, so you can expect to run into him at some point or another. When you do, seriously consider supporting his efforts because both he and United Way have had an enormous impact on the quality of life for the downtrodden and discriminated-against in this city. Doug specifically wanted to thank the Calgary GLBT Community for making his job as Liaison fun and satisfying—somehow, I think it is we who are in his debt.

For more information on United Way of Calgary and Area and "United Way Days of Caring", please visit: **calgaryunitedway.org**, or call: (403) 231-6265

For more information on Sexuality and Gender Diversity at the Calgary Police Service, please visit: **calgarypolice.ca** ▼

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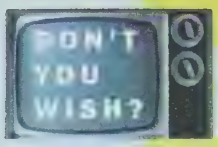

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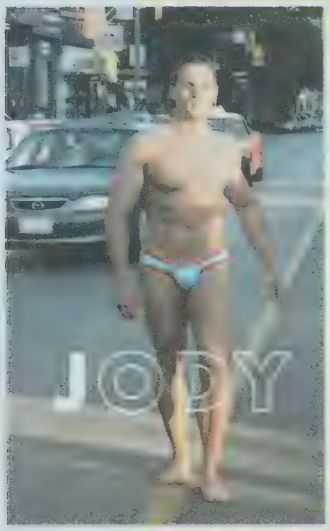

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Football - The Final Frontier

By Rick Pollard

In recent years, a lot of new role models have emerged for gay men. There are openly gay politicians like Bill Siksay, Scott Brison, John Baird or Andre Boisclair. There are openly gay musicians like Rufus Wainwright and openly gay actors like Rupert Everett. There are openly gay men in most white-collar occupations and even in some blue-collar workplaces.

In the world of athletics, there are openly gay figure skaters, tennis players and swimmers, like Olympic champion Mark Tewksbury. But, to this point, there are no known examples of openly gay players in professional team sports, at least not while they were still playing. There are a handful of examples of former NFL stars who came out several years after retiring from the playing field. But, despite the increased levels of tolerance in today's society, gay hockey or football jocks still don't have any role models in today's NHL, NFL or CFL.

But Jeremy Boiteau is a young man who may just be challenging the queer movement's final frontier. The offensive lineman for the Regina Thunder, the Queen City's Canadian Junior Football League franchise, has been playing football since he was ten years old. He is also openly gay. At twenty-one, he has now begun coming out to his coaches and the other players on the team.

He says that, for the most part, people have been fairly accepting, but admits that, at this year's spring camp, he did notice a difference. "It wasn't hostility, exactly, more a kind of social awkwardness." He attributes the awkwardness to people being unsure of what to say rather than people being angry or feeling threatened. For example, nobody has objected to his presence in the men's locker room.

"The majority don't care. The people who have played with me before know that I'm there for football. I'm not there to pick up dates and I'm not there to prove something. I'm there because I have the skills and because I love the game."

Boiteau speculates that it may be easier for openly gay athletes in Canada:

" I can see that there might be physical threats to an openly gay player in the NFL," he says. "But I'm not really too worried about it where I am. I think that people are generally more tolerant in Canada. "

The young offensive lineman never really saw himself as a role model. In fact, he says that, in many ways, he considers himself to be a very private person. "I don't talk to just anyone about my private life. I've always believed that this is the kind of stuff that you share with a handful of people you're close to." Still, when approached to do this interview, he readily agreed to do it. "The only reason to refuse would have been my fear of the response from the team and others for being publicly 'out'. But I decided some time ago that I wasn't going to let fear determine what I could or could not do."

He admits that it wasn't always this way. "When I was younger, I thought everyone else liked guys too, but just didn't talk about it. As I got older, I realized that wasn't the case. I was a pretty angry kid in high school. I didn't want to be who I was."

One legacy of those angry high school years has been a lifelong appreciation for heavy metal music. Being a metal-head may skewer another gay stereotype, but it springs directly from Boiteau's experiences as a gay teenager trying to cope with his sexuality. "I identified with the energy in metal. I had all of these emotions inside me and with metal, I was able to release some of them."

When he finally decided to come out, Boiteau chose a friend who was attending the Canadian Bible College. The friend tried to be supportive and understanding but basically told Boiteau that, if he prayed hard enough, he could fight temptation and stop being gay. Boiteau says he tried to use the power of prayer to make himself someone that he wasn't. But one night, after a visit from another friend—his high school crush—he hit rock bottom and realized he couldn't go on this way.

In the last three years, the young man has come out to the rest of his family and his friends, usually successfully. Coming out to his parents was made easier by the fact that Boiteau has a transgendered older brother. That first well-intentioned confidant is about to graduate from the Bible College and remains Boiteau's friend to this day.

Regina Thunder

The Regina Thunder played their first game against the defending CJFL champions, the Edmonton Huskies, in early August. The Thunder will play other teams in the Prairie Football Conference until October. Boiteau hopes that 2006 is the year that the Thunder makes it to the finals. He says that with a new coach and a new roster, anything is possible.

Boiteau's final season in the CJFL is 2006. He admits that he would like to play for the Saskatchewan Roughriders or for some other team in the CFL, but he's not staking his future on it." Football's been a big part of my life for the last twelve years and I'll stay with the game as long as I can," he says.

"But, of course, there are other things in life."

One of those other things is Boiteau's new role as a mentor with Generation Queer, Regina's support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited youth. The group meets Tuesdays in the Multi-Purpose Room at the GLCR Community Centre, 2070 Broad Street, which has been growing by leaps and bounds in recent months. The group has grown to the point that the group's facilitator, Monique, has been forced to recruit a number of other young people in the community to act as mentors. It is work that Boiteau clearly enjoys.

His counsel to other queer youth is simple. "Your personal life is just that—your personal life. You can do whatever the heck you feel like doing. Don't let your sexuality define or limit who you think you can be."

Sounds like good advice for all of us. ▼

Rick Pollard is a long-time community activist and one of the co-hosts of "Out On the Air", a GLBT program that airs Wednesdays on CJTR community radio in Regina.

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New Gay Curriculum

By Gerard MacMullin

A revolution is about to shake British Columbia's education system to its foundations—are this province's schools ready for queer content?

Vancouver activists Peter and Murray Corren were busy all summer with plans designed to bring balance and equality to a curriculum where gays and lesbians simply do not exist.

From the Spartans, to Aristotle and Socrates, Alexander the Great and Leonardo da Vinci, history is peppered with homosexuals. Of course, you'd never know it, if you relied on what's taught in the schools. The great gay historical figures are assumed to be straight. Gay culture never speaks it name. Gay family units are rarely discussed. Gay relationships are ignored.

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"So what?" ask the critics, who can't understand all the fuss and wonder why sexual orientation needs to be considered in the first place. The short answer is equality. For years the province has been moving to ensure its curriculum evolves to reflect more diversity. So far the focus has been on First Nations and women.

Murray Corren cites Social Studies content in grades eight through twelve which looks at "the kinds of struggles that women have faced...and the kinds of advancements there've been in feminism in the history of Canada."

It's almost impossible to find similar documentation in any classroom, anywhere in the world, on the struggles of the gay community. Thanks to the Correns, British Columbia is about to become the exception.

"We were able to get specific learning outcomes in there dealing with the history of the struggles of queers and the kinds of achievements we've made in society on queer issues," Corren says of the updated Social Studies grades eight through ten.

And keep in mind that's just one subject and a few courses. This is revolutionary because it covers queer content across the board—all grades, and all subjects. It is a change so sweeping that perhaps its significance has yet to sink in with many.

Getting queer content into the classroom wasn't a matter of just asking for it. The Correns recently stopped a ten-year battle and signed a surprise agreement with the provincial government. In exchange for dropping their protracted fight before a human right tribunal, the Ministry of Education has given the Correns a broad mandate to initiate, review and monitor gay friendly changes to curriculum right across B.C.

Murray Corren feels one of the biggest advances is restricting students from opting out of classes with so-called "sensitive content". Previously, parents could pull their children from courses they didn't like, provided the learning outcome could be achieved by alternate means.

"Any parent or any student could interpret anything that you might talk about in the classroom as sensitive content," says Corren. "(I)f a teacher were going to be teaching about same-sex families or there was going to any kind of discussion around anything to do with queers, that parents would automatically opt their kids out..."

No more. Now the opting out will be restricted to a narrow range of health education classes.

The couple has also been given unprecedented power to review new curriculum development and to identify and prioritize areas of concern. They will be part of the ministry's internal review process and will have direct input as lessons are being developed and revised. Moreover, the deal ensures ongoing influence.

"As the terms of the agreement are being met the Deputy Minister of Education will be required to meet with us at six month intervals..." Corren says.

One of the first results is a new, elective Grade 12 course in Social Justice. Corren says that "no such thing exists as far as I know in any curriculum across Canada. Now we're hoping eventually that this will become mandatory and will be moved down to grade eight or nine."

Doubters question whether sexual orientation has a place in education. As one government official commented "kids don't need to know that Tchaikovsky was gay."

Corren asserts that "they do need to know the fact that Piotr Tchaikovsky and many other historical figures happen to be queer, because queer kids sitting in those classrooms need to know that there are people (like them) who were able to make a huge, significant impact on our civilization."

And he says the non-gay students need to see that "those stereotypical images of who is queer don't represent who we (really) are."

The Correns have been instrumental, not only in the long campaign for equality in the classroom, but also on same-sex marriage, and adoption. During a Supreme Court of Canada battle on the banning of three gay friendly children's books, the Correns were not only there, they were on the hook for legal bills over $450,000.00. Thanks to a favorable ruling, fundraising and an understanding lawyer, they survived financially.

Now to ensure their work continues, they are establishing the Murray and Peter Corren Foundation (www.corren.ca) to support queer education across Canada. Administered by the Vancouver Foundation, it will consider grants for endeavors across the country ranging from research into GLBT education issues to smaller projects like a student plays on homophobia. They've invested an undisclosed amount and plan to bequeath their estate as a final gift.

Corren admits the couple's passion for gay equality has monopolized much of their lives for many, many years.

"By and large it has taken an awful lot of our time. However, it's time we felt was really well invested. We don't begrudge a minute," Corren says. ▼

Gerard MacMullin is a writer/broadcaster who lives in Vancouver's West End.

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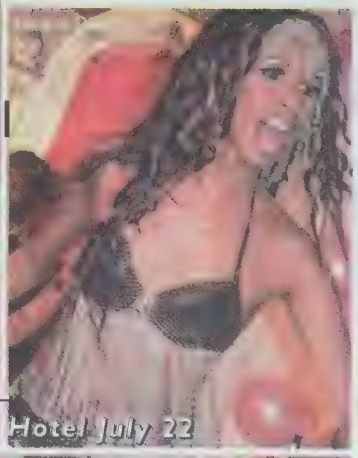

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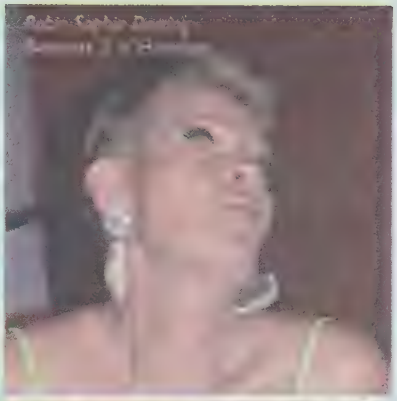

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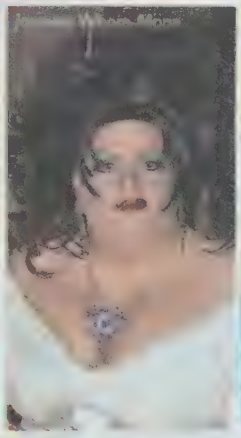

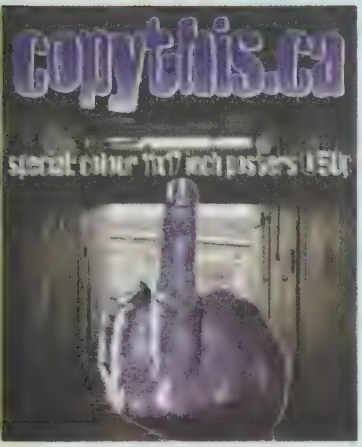

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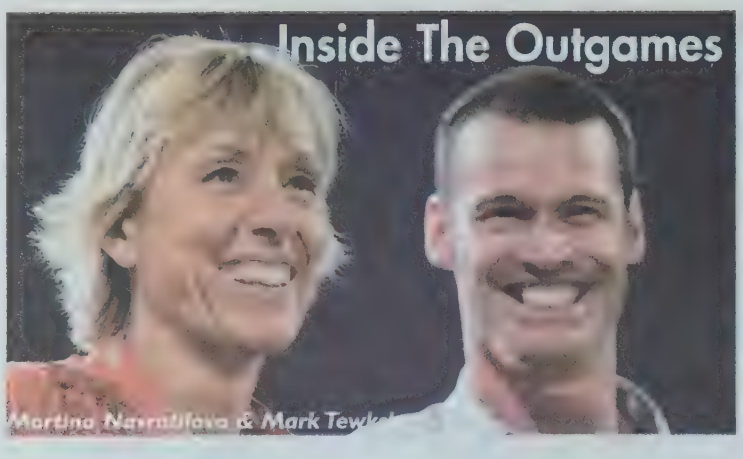

By Daniel Wylie & Michael Sinnott

What a ride of a time we had in Montréal at the 1st World Outgames 2006! Over the course of eleven days, a conference on Human Rights saw over two thousand participants and presenters confront all facets of homophobia, over ten thousand athletes participated in thirty-five sporting disciplines and over eight hundred men and women took part in six different cultural events. It ended on August 5 at the Olympic Stadium starring Liza Minnelli in an emotional farewell to the athletes, volunteers, organizers and a great big "Merci" to the city of Montréal for its hospitality, warmth and openness to everyone in the international GLBT community.

Country and Western dancers

My journey to these games began back in 2003. I had missed other world class events such as Expo in 1967, the 1976 Summer Olympic Games and the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver, so when the these games were announced I said " I want to be there!" It was everything and more than I had hoped for. We can remember so many wonderful and inspiring moments.

While the Human Rights Conference was taking place, Mike and I picked up our accreditation at Montréal's convention centre, the Palais des congrès de Montréal. We avoided the rush by going early in the morning but the atmosphere at check-in was electric. We met people from South Africa, Germany and Holland as we stood in line to get our special athletes badges. This excitement was evident all over the city as we walked around the various social and sporting venues around the downtown core and the village was full of new faces! The village's main street was closed to traffic and everyone was enjoying all of the outdoor patios for food and drink. The official start to these games was the opening ceremonies. As we marched into Olympic stadium as part of Equipe Montréal, the stadium went crazy, that moment was totally awesome! Let the Games begin.

One of my favourite venues during the games was Square Viger, a park that had been converted into Outgames Central. It was a place for everyone to gather, have a bite to eat or a drink and enjoy the full ambiance of the city of Montréal. Each evening featured a "spectacle" showcasing local talent celebrating various parts of gay culture in Montréal. It was a place one could go to feel surrounded by gay people from all over the world.

Mike and I decided to participate as bowlers, a recreational sport we both enjoy together. Our competition was scheduled to go from the Sunday through to the following Friday—that's if we were going to make it to the finals. It ended up that we were done on Wednesday as we finished after the semi-finals of singles, doubles and team play. Bowling six to nine games a day was exhausting but fun! No medals for us! We got to meet such wonderful people from the US, Holland, Switzerland, South Africa and Slovenia. Talk about diversity! It was so much fun to see which countries enjoyed which sports and there was a definite cultural bent to some sport and cultural activities.

On Monday night, we went to one of the few parties that we were able to attend. Mike and I went to the "Bear Party" which was held at the Bain Mathieu, an old indoor swimming pool that had been converted into an auditorium. There were close to three-hundred bears, cubs and chasers from all over the world enjoying meeting like-minded people. The four bowlers that we had met from Slovenia were there and were like kids in a candy store. Coming from a part of the world, which formed part of Yugoslavia, they had never seen so many hairy bearded men in one place. Slovenia is a country of just under two million persons and to see this one facet of the gay community on a high was incredible!

During the course of the week, you could see more and more of the participants walking around with the medals that they had won during their sporting or cultural events. It was very special to be recognized for your accomplishments and also very special to share in those accomplishments. Some passers-by would stop to ask what they had won and to congratulate them. Many attending these games were astonished to see their feats and stories prominently featured in local news media and they found that many Montréalers around the city were aware of the games and very outwardly friendly.

As with all good things these games ended having accomplished what they set out to do. They called upon the governments of the world, especially the seventy countries that criminalize homosexuality to recognize our rights with the issuing of the "Declaration of Montréal". They brought GLBT people together in the spirit of fun to participate in sport and culture, transcending national boundaries. The organizers pulled off a great party for all who came to the 1st World Outgames. As everyone was getting ready to say thanks and goodbye to this city, many of the over 12,000 participants were making plans to attend the 2nd World Outgames. See you in wonderful Copenhagen in 2009! ▼

Photos courtesy of 1st World Outgames

Daniel Wylie is active in the HIV/AIDS, bear and leather communities. Michael Sinnott is a desperate HouseBear who just can't stop dancing and a former Mr. Edmonton Leather. They are now happily married and live and write in Montreal.

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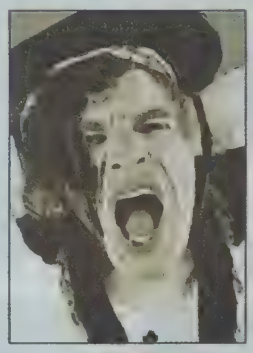

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Out-Is-OK in Alberta

By Blair Collins

The GLCSA and Distress Centre are proud to announce an exciting new partnership. November 1, 2006, will be the official launch date of the GLBTT support phone line dedicated not only to the GLBTT community of Calgary, but also to all of those people isolated and seeking support throughout rural Alberta. This support service has been long overdue. Finally, the funds and resources have become available to make this a reality.

The phone line will be staffed by trained volunteers to offer peer support and referrals for those seeking information and assistance in dealing with their sexual identity.

This new phone line will be housed in the Distress Centre's Crisis Line phone room and will be answered twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. With the co-operation of the phone company, an easy to remember number for this new phone line has been secured and it is 1-877-OUT-IS-OK (1-877-688-4765). Distress Centre crisis line volunteers will answer this line outside of the specific times which will be scheduled when one-on-one peer support will be available to the GLBTT community members. This peer support service will be dependant upon the number of volunteers trained for the work.

Once GLBTT-identified volunteers are sufficiently trained, a specific schedule will be set and advertised as to when callers can receive peer support from members of their own community. Ultimately, the success of this project depends on volunteer recruitment.

The organisers are currently seeking individuals from the GLBTT community in Calgary who are willing to volunteer their time for the training program and subsequently to staff this important phone line. It will become a crucial resource not only for Calgary, but also for the entire province.

Volunteers willing to donate their time will be trained through the Distress Centre and be expected to complete the crisis line volunteer training, which is an already established and recognised training program. The organisers hope that members of the community will show their support and step forward to become a part of this historical new service in the province of Alberta. Anyone interested in becoming a peer support volunteer on the new line, please call the Distress Centre at (403) 266-1601, or the GLCSA at (403) 234-8973.

The next volunteer training session begins in mid-September so now is the time to express your interest and make the commitment to assist with this new GLBTT service. ▼

PALM SPRINGS GAY DESERT OASIS

Toucans Tiki Lounge

By Roy Heale

Basking in the heat of the California desert lies one of America's most magical gay and lesbian vacation destinations. Nestled in a vast fertile valley surrounded by lush palm groves, banked by steep ravines and mountain peaks, the city of Palm Springs is no mirage as it proves to be a wonderful gay desert oasis.

Some of the original residents included Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, President Gerald Ford, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. This ancestry, as well as enthusiastic leadership from former Mayor (and later, Congressman) the late Sonny Bono, led to the development of a vibrant community which evolved into an escape from the frenetic pace of life in Hollywood.

Today, the community includes an estimated thirty-thousand gay and lesbian residents who work tirelessly to ensure you receive the most gay-friendly welcome and enjoy a respite from daily stress in this desert playground. Almost one hundred GLBT accommodations, bars, restaurants and shops are ready to welcome you for the ideal gay playtime.

Many vacation destinations claim to be gay-friendly but in this case, Palm Springs demonstrates a commitment to gay travellers in several ways. The City's major Visitor Centre boasts a separate GLBT information section, with brochures and information for the gay tourist. While browsing in this area, a cheerful staff member will join you to ensure that you have everything you require.

This will undoubtedly include a copy of the impressive sixty-six page Official Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Guide plus the GLBT fold-out map of Palm Springs. As if that isn't proof enough of their gay-friendly welcome, they will also give you the web address to visit the GLBT website dedicated to community businesses or a copy of the DVD information video about gay Palm Springs. That's a genuine welcome to start your trip on the right foot! Even though it seldom rains here, you will soon notice the rainbows (flags, that is) visible everywhere in town.

Information is readily accessible from the Tourism Bureau and on their GLBT website in order to assist with your trip planning. This is very important because there are over forty gay and lesbian accommodations from which to select your holiday home. Ranging from small bed and breakfasts to large resorts, there is a price for every budget.

The most temperate time of the year is October through March but the summer months are ideal for the sun gods amongst us! Almost every day the hot sun shines down and every accommodation offers at least one swimming pool. Be sure to pack plenty of suntan lotion—a desert holiday requisite. Cool and inviting pools are the Palm Springs' signature, which will become obvious from the air as your plane is landing. These pools are as different as the speedos that surround them and the shapes and sizes vary as much as do the poolside bodies. This fact should not be overlooked in your accommodation selection process, as you are sure to find yourself cooling off in a sparkling pool from early morning to late afternoon. A pre-dinner swim or a midnight dip before retiring will rapidly become a part of your daily routine in the welcoming desert heat.

Pre-travel surfing on the web can be lots of fun and will assist in easing your selection from the smorgasbord of accommodation choices. You can be sure that wherever you stay will prove to be a positive gay experience and a great vacation to remember in the cold winter months.

We selected the All Worlds Resort on Warm Sands Drive in the heart of the gay community and close to all the action. With three different pools to choose from there was plenty of variety in the daily pastime of sun tanning and swimming. The spacious air-conditioned rooms, daily buffet breakfast and Saturday poolside barbecue are just a few of the reasons why this resort is so popular with locals and tourists alike. You may also recognise this resort from the adult movies produced here by the video production company of the same name. Who knows—they might even be filming while you are a guest! This resort's biggest asset proved to be the very friendly and helpful staff who are there twenty-four hours a day to look after anything you might need for a perfect get-away. If you're looking for something very special, Another World luxury resort is part of this complex, offering tasteful theme rooms fashioned after stars including Cher, Marilyn Monroe, Liberace, Elizabeth Taylor and more. Of course, this resort includes your own private swimming pool. Another World, as the name suggests, is the perfect escape for a memorable special anniversary or honeymoon and naturally, you may enjoy full access to all the pools and amenities of both resorts.

In order to help you find the right living quarters for your stay in Palm Springs and because there are so many GLBT accommodation choices available, we have included an extra feature on page 30 and 31 to assist you with your research before you leave home. Whatever your final choice may be, you will also have the option to visit other places during your stay as most of the resorts offer day passes which allow you to enjoy their facilities for a nominal fee as a day guest.

Whether you spend the day poolside or exploring the surrounding neighbourhood, your evening dining in Palm Springs is an adventure in grand tastes and gracious touches. Fine foods and fantastic flavours await the discerning palate with atmosphere and ambiance to suit any mood.

An absolute must-dine destination is Blame It On Midnight, with its multi-level dining room, large circular cocktail bar and cabaret-style entertainment lounge. The food is simple, inexpensive and casual (featuring an extensive American menu) perfectly cooked and the decor is irresistibly gay—including Dorothy's red slippers. The atmosphere is so *Palm Springs* you can practically hear Frank Sinatra singing in the lounge! This establishment is *visual* (to say the least!) and the staff is trés gay and friendly.

Palm Canyon Drive Restaurant

The majority of the clientele is gay and you will immediately feel right at home when you are seated at your table. If you enjoy this experience, be sure to take a short drive to the neighbouring community of Cathedral City and check out their sister restaurant, Shame On The Moon. We have it on good local advice you won't be disappointed.

Also, close to the bars and nightlife is the very simple Fishermen's Market Grill where your meal will almost make you forget you're in the desert—and located quite a distance from the ocean. Their list of daily catch selections could not be more extensive. Diners are invited to choose the accompaniments for their fruits de mer, as well as how their selection is cooked.

A short drive or cab ride to the Uptown Grill will be rewarded with a piano accompaniment to an excellent dinner. It is well worth the journey for a reasonably priced, varied menu, perfectly prepared and served by unobtrusive yet efficient waiters.

Back in the heart of town, a variety of sidewalk cafes including Hamburger Mary's and the Rainbow Café, afford reasonably priced and varied menus to choose from, and are within walking distance of one another and the gay bars.

After dinner, the perfect ending for a hot, dry day will prove to be the air-conditioned refuge of the many gay bars and clubs, offering libations and opportunities to socialise. Choices range from dancing at Hunter's Video Bar, a dazzling light show and dancing at Heaven Nightclub or the rainforest setting complimented by festive drinks at Toucan's Tiki Lounge. Badlands neighbourhood bar claims to have the best pool tables in town and the Levi and Leather dress code at the Tool Shed will reward many travellers who packed more than shorts and T-shirts. These are just a few of the options for late night fun and traveling from one venue to another you are bound to discover where the party is on any given night.

In addition, Palm Springs and the surrounding desert region have much to offer in unique and tempting attractions for every gay tourist. A visit to Pioneer Town created by Roy Rogers as the set for his television show is a step back in time and on the drive there you will see one of the most impressive applications of windmill powered electricity generators in North America. This is an example of an historic way of life and new technology existing together in one region, both impressive in their own right.

The aerial tram ride ascending 8,400 feet to a restaurant perched on the mountain's crest and extending to hiking trails can only be compared to a visit at an Alpine glen. Atop this summit, the temperature drops several degrees making you forget you're on a desert vacation. Be sure to bring a jacket here.

From downtown, it's a worthwhile ten-minute drive to the Indian Canyons on the edge of town. Fifteen miles long with indigenous palm trees, flora and fauna and a footpath winding down to a stream, these canyons afford a perfect picnic location.

In the heart of downtown, the Village Green Heritage Center stands in a park-like setting with original nineteenth century pioneer homes as the focal point. Here you will witness how history really can blend with modern architecture, which is one of the endearing features of Palm Springs.

Every Thursday night Palm Canyon Drive (the town's main street) is closed to traffic and is transformed into a vibrant pedestrian street fair called VillageFest. Shopping in Palm Springs is more than just a tradition—it's a well-respected art form—making this the ideal day of the week for a spending spree with your pink dollars.

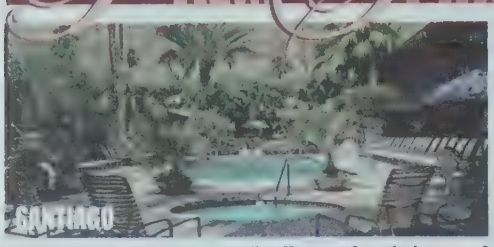
For any athletic enthusiasts, some of the best golf courses in the world can be found here and tennis courts are easily booked for a good raquet workout. Gyms and spas are everywhere for those important muscle tone-ups or an equally important personal pampering with a massage or therapeutic body treatment. You're on holiday—allow yourself a special treat!

A celebrity home tour will take you back to the days when the likes of Elvis Presley and Bob Hope called this their home. Such extravagant homes are rare and worthy of a look. The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a twelve hundred acre wildlife and botanical park, featuring the current home for rare and endangered desert animals in a natural setting.

The glitzy casinos are more akin to Monte Carlo than the Las Vegas strip, providing some frivolous spending in search of lady luck and unique entertainment. An amazing Cirque-style show at the Palm Springs Pavilion Theatre and other theatrical stage plays and musical performances are sure to please any arts lovers.

Whatever your vacation pleasure, it's all available here in this desert oasis—recently recognised as the newest gay vacation mecca. Whether you are looking for a quick weekend getaway, a retreat from winter's snowy onslaught or a honeymoon of memories, Palm Springs has everything for the discriminating GLBT traveller. So, pack your shorts and T-shirts along with a water bottle and a sun hat, then head to this hot gay destination! ▼

PALM SPRINGS RESORTS



Santiago manages to pull off a perfect balance of design simplicity, quality high end furnishings, deluxe accommodations and friendly management. The result is a men's guest resort that reflects stylish sophistication without compromising the casual, relaxed, clothing optional atmosphere of Palm Springs.

The Desert Paradise is one of Palm Springs, California's finest gay hotels uniquely located in the heart of Warm Sands amongst a lush tropical oasis.

The clothing optional grounds feature huge palm trees, tropical plants, flowers and cactus among beautiful mountains. Mountain view suites offer the perfect setting for sitting by the jacuzzi, fireplace or relaxing at the Sundeck Fire Pit. Paradise has soft music and lighted landscape to enhance the star lit sky.

With unique architecture and lush grounds, the hotel is its own amenity. All guests will enjoy 24 hour access to the pool and hot tub, sunny roof deck with unobstructed views of Mt San Jacinto and the surrounding area. You'll feel at home as you walk in.

In addition to the comforts of your guestroom, they offer extended continental breakfast daily from 7—11 am featuring Peet's coffee from San Francisco.

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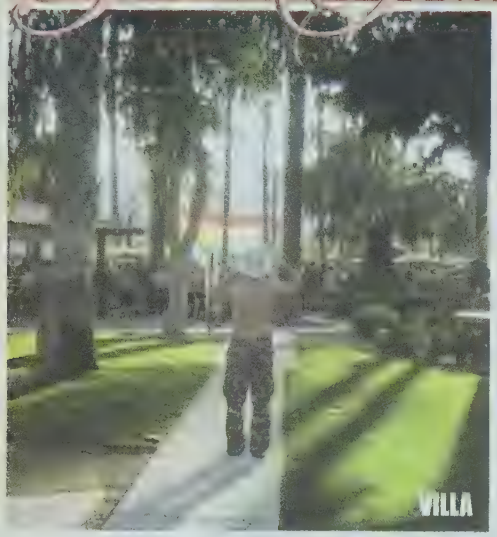

At The Villa Resort, Palm Springs' largest full-service, gay and lesbian resort, enjoy sociability or privacy, gorgeous remodeled casitas and patios, a twelve-person spa, the huge heated pool, the gym and the all-new Butterfield's Adobe, the Poolbar and the *V Lounge*. They also offer their guests complimentary continental breakfast and daily hosted sunset reception, local newspaper delivered to your door and 24-hour concierge service.

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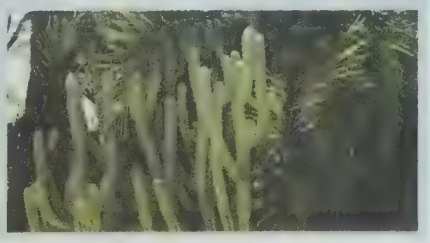

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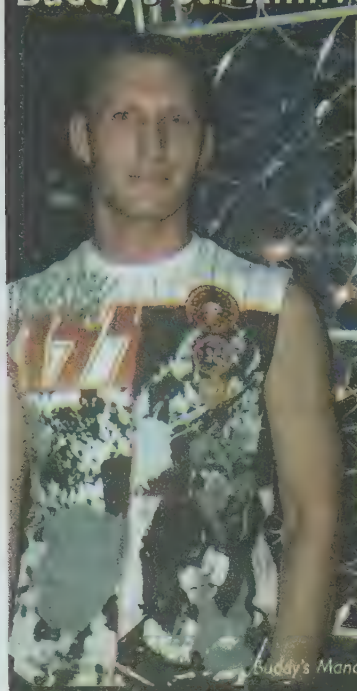

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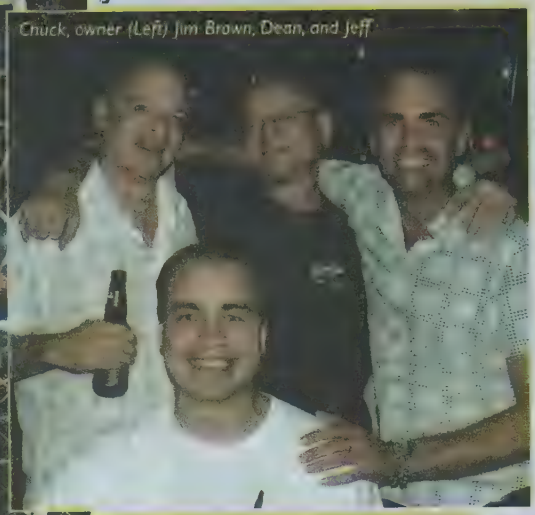
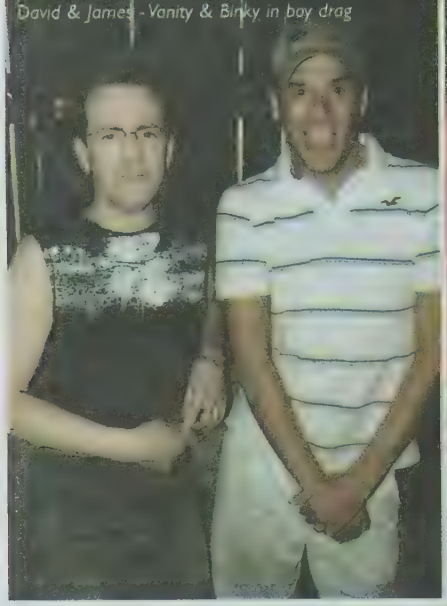


Chuck, owner (Left) Jim Brown, Dean, and Jeff



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Queer Spirituality

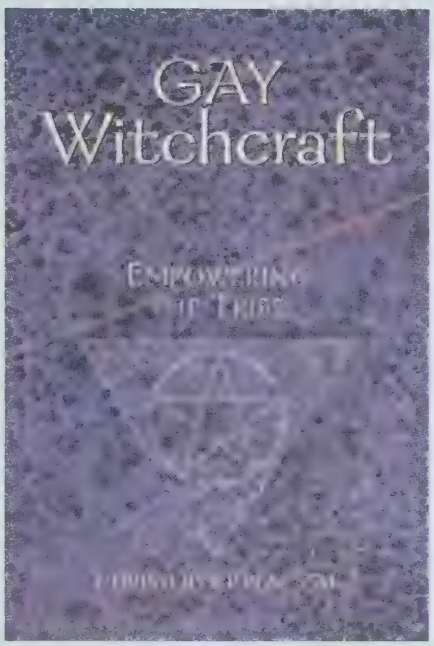
By Ralph Higgins

When one looks at the founding of the world's religions, their original purpose was to bring comfort, to help us find our place within the larger whole so that we might gain a sense of peace, safety and gentle reassurance. Religion is humankind's search for a connection between us and the universe, the deity, the higher mind or spirit.

So it was meant to be, but for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered the reality has been very different. We may have made great strides in legal and social ways recently but established religions—and not exclusively the Christian church—continue to shut their doors firmly in our queer faces or only grant partial acceptance. (We love you.... well, most of you... except that sexual part. Leave that outside.)

In retaliation, we turn our backs on religion, rejecting those who rejected us. This has been the pattern and there are many for whom this lack of a religious aspect to their life makes no difference. Nor are we the only ones who feel left out or feel the teachings have no relevance to modern lives. Christian congregations are dwindling in many churches. But for those gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered individuals who do seek a larger connection, what are the options?

One avenue open is to explore a completely different faith tradition.



Wicca is known both as the Old Religion and a New Age spiritual practice. Many of its rituals are based on the polarity of male and female energies. At first glance, this would give it the appearance of just another religion where queers are not welcome. Heterosexism is not an exclusively Christian domain. However, Christopher Penczak re-examines the tenets of this nature religion in Gay Witchcraft: Empowering The Tribe, (redwheelweiser.com) and finds that modern adherents honour the male and female energies residing within each individual; one's sexual orientation is beside the point. Further, he explores the history of many so-called pagan mythologies and discovers an abundance of gay, bisexual and transgendered deities in Greek, Celtic, Norse, Egyptian, Hindu and other religions. In fact, in many cultures, including several North American aboriginal civilizations, far from being unwelcome, non-heterosexual individuals were frequently regarded as having a special connection with the divine, often becoming priests and shamans.

Is it possible that Jesus himself was a shaman in this style? This is the contention of author Will Roscoe in his Lambda award winning book, *Jesus And The Shamanic Tradition of Same-Sex Love* (**suspectthoughtspress.com**). Roscoe, with the aid of a newly discovered document (an older, more complete version of the gospel of Mark), explores the history of Christianity's founder and finds that the act of baptism may have been one part of a sacred, secret rite involving intimate male contact between Jesus and his followers. This controversial theory, not surprisingly, is strongly resisted by the established church administrators. The official reaction to this new documentary evidence, is similar to that occasioned by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, those of Dag Hammadi and the books of the *Apocrypha*. Modern discoveries tell a tale more compelling than the *Da Vinci Code*.

But even the accepted books of the Bible may not say exactly what we've been told they mean. Leviticus 18:22 "Ye shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female, it is an abomination." How many times have we had those words flung in our faces and used as justification for acts of hatred and violence against us? Or the Sodom and Gomorrah story—pretty clear-cut evidence that the Christian god has no liking for queers, right? There it is in plain English, can't fight that kind of incontrovertible truth, can you?

Well, actually you can, and Craig Bettendorf shows you how in *A Biblical Defense Guide for Gays, Lesbians and Those Who Love Them* (**trafford.com**) Reverend Bettendorf puts his considerable scholarship to work, attacking the right wing fundamentalists who commission new versions of the Bible, with alternative translations removed and footnotes for key words and phrases of the original Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek missing. In doing so, they intentionally create a tone and spirit much different than that intended by the original writers. Reverend Bettendorf goes back to original sources and examines the historical and cultural context to give a more accurate and completely different reading to these oft-quoted passages.

The accusation may be made that books such as *Gay Witchcraft: Empowering the Tribe, The Biblical Defense Guide*, or *Jesus and The Shamanic Tradition of Same-Sex Love* are an attempt to adapt religion to suit us, a misguided effort to excuse our sins and failings. Religious leaders are known for their opposition to change and adamant in their resistance to any challenge of their authority.

Sister Jeannine Gramich is a Roman Catholic nun who has endured sanctions and orders for silence from the Vatican for her ministry and advocacy for gays and lesbians. When asked how she maintains her faith in a church which is so opposed to her views and so antagonistic to the queer community, she answered that she views the church as being comprised of all the many varied men and women who follow the faith. She makes a clear distinction between the religious followers and the administrative hierarchy.

That is what these books do: they enable us to go back to the sources of faith, to search for the spirit rather than the letter of the teachings, to cut away the distinctions, the rigid structures that divide and exclude. These writings do not tailor religion to fit us; on the contrary, they unravel some of the biased interpretations made over the centuries to maintain political power and promote other people's moral views.

Books such as these help us to reclaim what was already there, to take back what was always ours. No matter how one views the Creator—god(s), goddess(es), spiritual power, universal energy or the life force itself—these books serve to reaffirm the basic tenet that there is indeed a place for all of us. ▼

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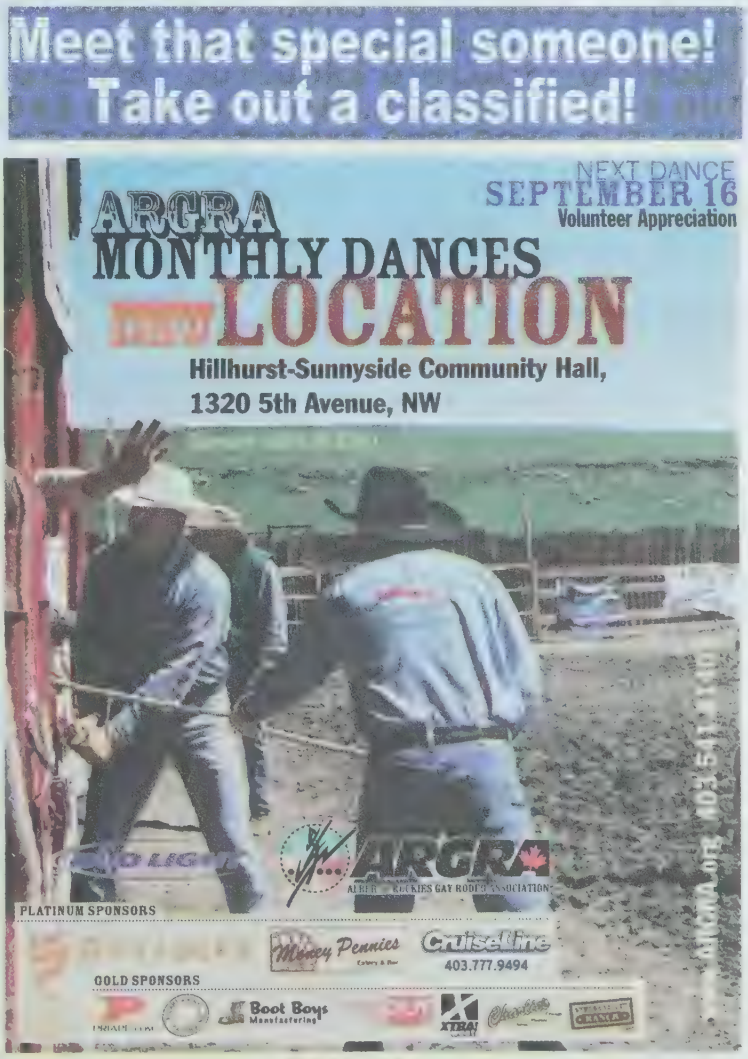

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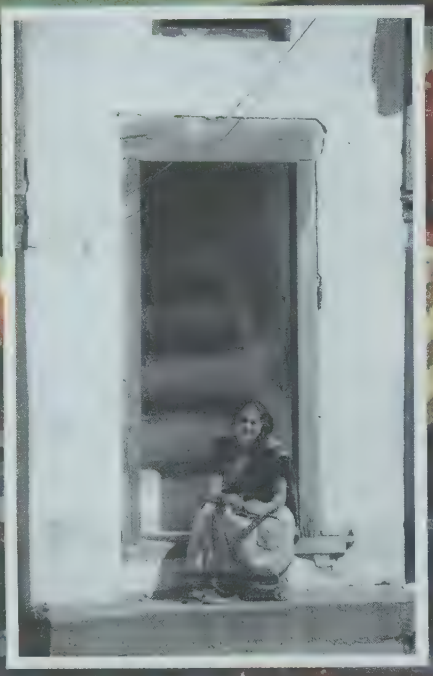

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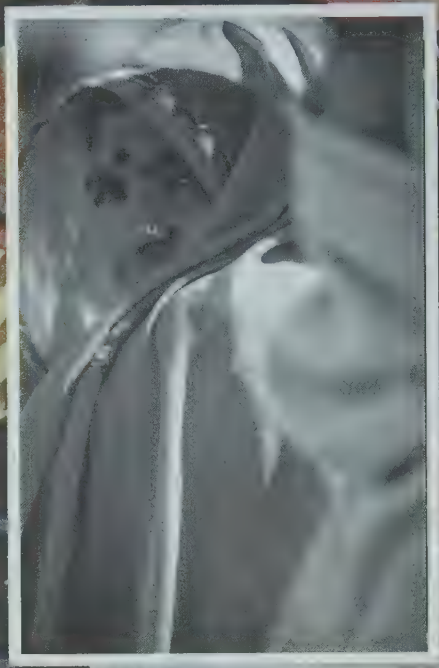

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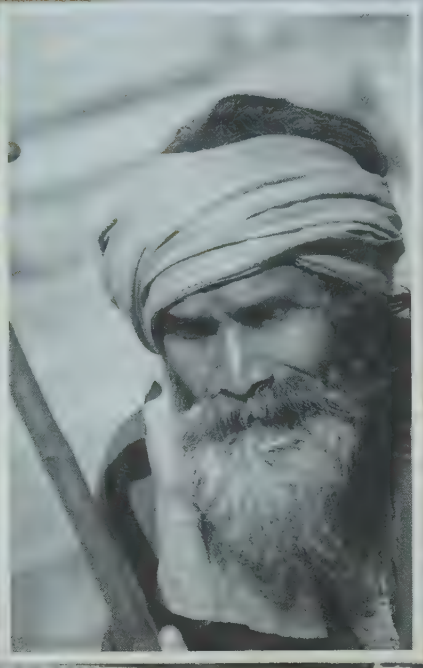

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The Gold in Regina's Crown

By Mark Torjusen

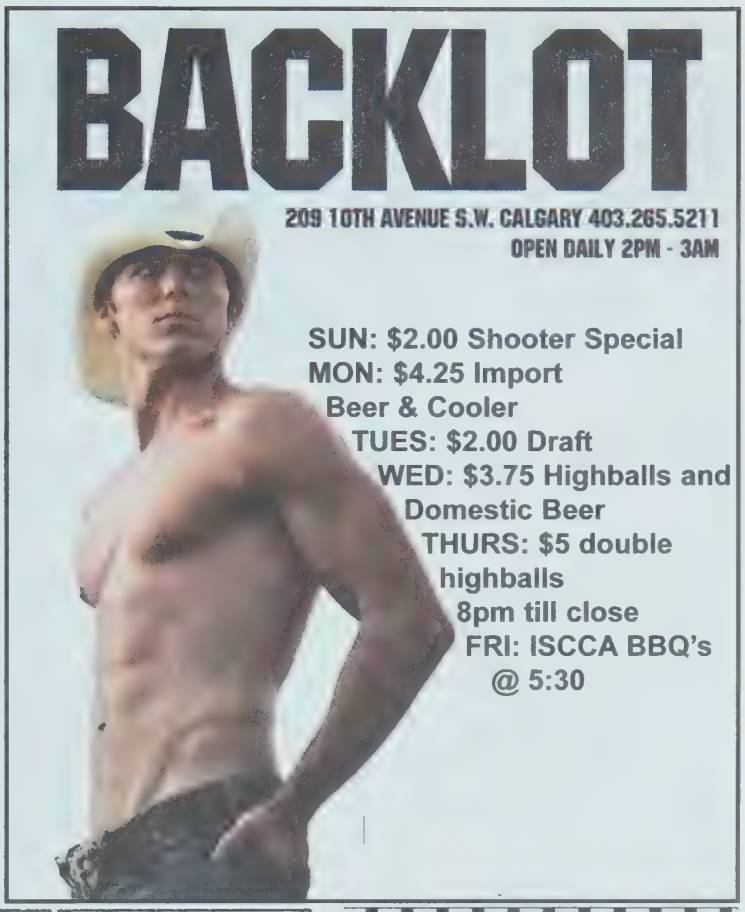
Regina will be a hotbed of bumping and grinding this Thanksgiving weekend. And it's not just because the Rolling Stones will be gyrating their creaky old bones at Regina's Taylor Field. This fall happens to mark a significant milestone in the history of a long-time gay volleyball tournament in the city. It's been fifteen years since the first Golden Crown Tournament was held in Regina, and the organizers of the 2006 edition are ready to celebrate. "It's really remarkable that a city the size of Regina has continued to host this tournament almost every year since 1991," says Brian Runge, an organizer of the 2006 event. "Credit for our success goes not only to past organizers, but all the participants from across Western Canada. Without them, the Golden Crown would not be here to celebrate such a milestone."

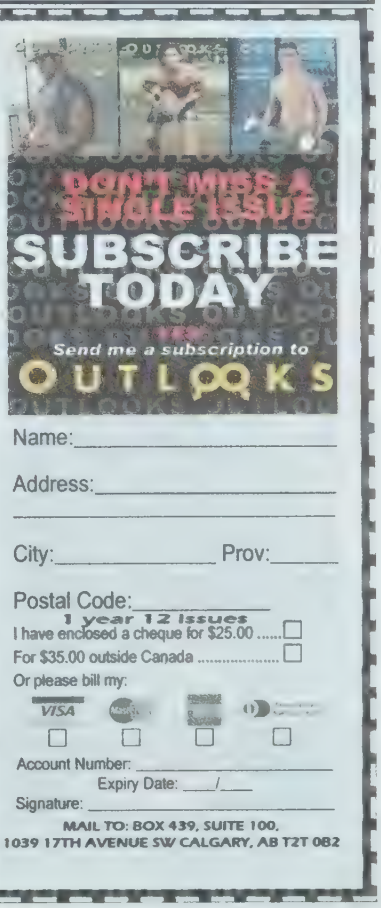
The first tournament in 1991 was the brainchild of members of the Regina Zephyrs Sports Club who participated in the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver. "We thought, 'Why couldn't Regina be home to a tournament that would draw people from across the West?'" Runge recalls. "That first one was a lot of work, but it laid the foundation for many more years." At that inaugural tournament, teams travelled from Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. Over the years, participants have come from across the Prairies to Regina. While the number of teams has fluctuated over the years, the sense of fun and sportsmanship has remained vibrant. "Our focus is on the participation and having a good time," says Cate Dobhran, a member of the 2006 organizing committee. "It not just winning, but rather healthy competition, fun and camaraderie."

Since its inception, the Golden Crown Tournament has awarded participant medals to all players—an idea borrowed from the 1990 Vancouver Gay Games—to reinforce the notion that the Regina tournament is about more than who wins and loses. In addition to fostering good sportsmanship, organizers of the tournament have also strived to include all those who are interested in playing in a recreational tournament. In past years, for example, family members have participated, and they continue to be welcomed. This year's tournament is open to anyone aged sixteen and older.

Registration deadline is Sept. 29.

For more information on the tournament, e-mail goldencrown@sasktel.net, or phone Dobhran at (306) 569-2308. ▼





HOROSCOPE

There has been far too much tumult in the world. It is very easy to blame it all on retro Pluto but that excuse is fast disappearing. Wilde Pluto redirects this September and forms a sterling aspect to Saturn. No more excuses comrades. Let's get our act on the road and get rolling.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

World events have had a personal impact on your life. Maybe you had to change travel plans, maybe you changed your global view. Whatever overturned your craft, proud Ram, pick yourself up, dust yourself off and try, try again in September. You have learned a few tricks in your travails. Will you be content to keep them up your sleeve or will you try them on for size?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

September is the month when you'll be able to safely bite off more than you can chew. There will be something deep, dark and delicious that will not only catch your eye but can become an obsession. Anyone we know? Queer Bulls will be prepared to jump without a net and risk becoming just another pile of ground beef as Pluto redirects. Take a leap of faith. No pain no gain, lover.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

As tedious or as stressful as relationships can be, all the pieces will fall into place as Pluto redirects. Pink Twins will see more clearly, accept even the most egregious faults and help to create a partnership that is stronger and more stable. And if you are on the prowl, use your considerable charms to snag a real charmer. Oh if it were only that easy!

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Something about your work schedule will change. And by change, I mean something dramatic and transformative. Don't be afraid, pink Crab. It is all good. Embrace change and make your move while others are still scratching their heads. You will also feel more energetic and robust health-wise. So, also embrace other things besides change. Hint, hint.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Your creativity will soar this September. Pluto will redirect and make you more in tune with your gay muse. Make music, create a masterpiece and just have fun. There may even be a little romance in the mix. Proud Lions who have struggled with severe artistic blockage will suddenly spurt their great ideas like a fountain. Watch where you spray, buster!

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Tackle a long delayed large home improvement project or residential move this September with the help of Pluto. Queer Virgins are well positioned to envision the big picture as well as focus down on the most miniscule details. Nothing gets by you. So, make your home your pink palace. Domestic bliss is yours for the taking. Take it before it fizzles.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

There is something quite powerful in the way you'll express yourself this September. Gay Libras are usually very diplomatic and charming and now, with the help of Pluto, you can also be very astonishing and compelling. Wow. So, will you take your ideas to the world ... or even to the street? Or will you waste your genius on idle chitchat and gossip? Hmm let's take a bet.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Money is honey and September is the month to spread it all over your toast. Put your financial genius to the test by seeking the best advice and making some careful investments. Pluto will create some opportunities that have some dramatic impact on your fiscal future. Is an early, lucrative retirement in the stars? Or is it in your dreams?

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

You are a shooting star in the cosmos this September. Just what is it about gay Archers that make them so compelling, so dramatic and so transformative? Whatever it is, bottle and sell it while you have their attention. Give all your seemingly tired and well discussed ideas one more try. You are a force with whom to be reckoned. Bring on a day of reckoning.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

No one gets anything over on you this September. Pink Caps are on their game and seem to know other's motivations before they have a chance to strike. Brilliant! Don't waste this genius on small petty grievances. Look at the bigger picture and put your talents to work for the greater community good. Yes, there is still something for you in it: Peace of mind. Bah, humbug!

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

While you don't think that you know any powerful friends, you discover that you know many influential folks this September. And with a little effort, you meet quite a few more. Aqueerians should use this time to expand their social circles and join new, influential groups. There is also a chance for romance. If you find yourself in a pickle, let's hope that it is a sweet gherkin.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Although you may feel that you are working too hard for too little reward, you may find that September is a breakthrough month for you professionally. Guppies should not give up the fight. All that you have been working for will soon pan out. Barriers can fall and those that deserves gets. Ah, but do you really know what you want?

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Movie REVIEW

By Matt Salton

HELLBENT

Make no bones about it, Hellbent isn't light weight camp disguised as a horror movie like last year's dreadful lesbian 'slash n' dash', *Make A Wish*. This pic truly lives up to its advance publicity—*Hellbent* is the first gay slasher film. Therefore, dim all the lights and put your annoying twink roommate to bed, because this is a trick that treats best when it has your full attention.

'Twas the night before Halloween and an original take on a clichéd scenario opens the film as young lovers making out in a car full of helium balloons just purchased at the nearby West Hollywood Halloween street carnival. Our young male canoodlers are about to meet their makers and lose their respective pretty heads to a beefy leather-daddy-type donning a devilish horned mask which looks like something out of a Wagner opera and carrying a non-too-subtle scythe. When the balloons (and the arteries) start to burst, the squeamish among you should, at this point, gauge if they will be able to stomach the upcoming eighty minutes.

Writer/director Paul Etheredge-Ouzts understands the formulaic and conventional constructs of the slasher film. He deftly adheres to the formula while impishly toying with the conventions.

Most slasher flicks are set in an isolated environment where ideally the victims' screams cannot be heard. The stalked victims in *Hellbent* are immersed in the Fellini-esque world of the West Hollywood carnival; a thick urban environment of party revelers. And what better place to stage some of the more terrifying set pieces than in the darkened labyrinths of a basement, leather bar called 'Meat'—complete with naked go-go boys in cages or strung up on rafters?

Additionally, the typical moral code of a slasher film dictates that any character caught in the act of premarital sex or drug use will most often than not find themselves on the end of a rusty pitchfork, while the chaste will be chased—but survive with her purity intact. Etheredge-Ouzts' moral codes go up in flames on a night where "you can indulge in your most perverse and twisted fantasies" (although sadly no one does except for the killer making this a very sexless movie with a very sexy cast). So, while not keeping an eye on your friends or popping party drugs might be the first step to your last, your innocence may also in fact be your fatal flaw in this gay variation.

And kudos to Etheredge-Ouzts for refreshingly writing characters in whom an audience can invest their sympathies in an age where moviegoers have resorted to root for Freddy Krueger or Michael Myers (*Halloween* is clearly the film's biggest influence) over their vapid, twitty, victims. When one character delivers the line, " Come on wouldn't you want to kill us? We're fabulous!"—you don't automatically want to jump up and scream, "Yes! Here, let me help, I'll sharpen the scythe!"

The killer's motives—or even any back-story is never explained. "He's probably some forty-year-old gay guy who's just come out of the closet. He's probably jealous of all the nice, hot guys walking around"; or, "It's got to be his mother, it always is" are the only vague background observations made in the film. Hopefully in the sequel—and yes it's totally set up for one—we will learn more about our homo-scythal lunatic.

Do the low budget and relatively little directorial experience reflect in the film? Yes it does, at times, including using the same stock footage twice, once in reverse to make it look different. However, we've come to expect these little imperfections from these types of movies. *Hellbent* achieves tension, adequate suspense and some great scares that will make you and the one you want to make scream later, cling closer in the dark. ▼

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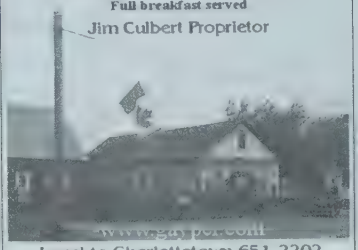

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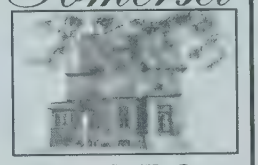

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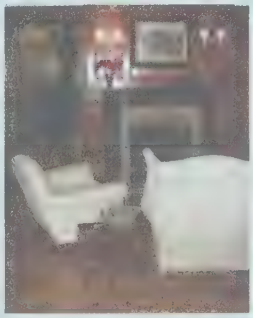

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Not just for straight girls...

By *Megan Mormon*

Sooner or later, almost everyone gets themselves into a sexual health situation. Mine happened when I was twenty-one. At the time, I worked for one of the GLBT organizations in town: I was the big lesbo on campus. Every day I peer-counseled young homos and their friends on how to have safer sex; I'd known what to do, yet I'd failed miserably. My head ached from being bludgeoned by the irony. I needed a referral to a homo-friendly pro-choice doctor—and quick—so I called the one place that I knew wouldn't a) be horrified or, b) recognize my voice. Several hours later, I had my prescription for emergency contraception; that, thankfully, is the end of the story. Welcome to Planned Parenthood. It's not just for straight girls anymore.

After thirty-four years of counseling other trembling teenagers, Planned Parenthood will be getting a facelift this September. The biggest change will be their new name: Sexual Health Centre Saskatoon (SHCS). SHCS will also be launching a new website, as well as Get Tested, an STI-awareness campaign designed by local nursing students.

I spoke with Executive Director Evelyn Reisner in SHCS's third-floor office in the Avenue Building, home to many of the city's other GLBT-friendly businesses and organizations. It's cool on one of the hottest days of the summer—and friendly. A name-the-fish contest draw-box sits on the coffee table beside the requisite free condoms and lube.

"The name 'Planned Parenthood' doesn't encompass the range of things we do today: sexual health, STI's, general education," explains Reisner, gesturing to rows of posters and brochures lining the walls of the lounge. "Young people make up the majority of the centre's clients," Reisner adds. "They didn't grow up identifying with the name like older generations did." Youth are accustomed to hearing the words 'sexual health' from teachers and health professionals and know what to expect; it also reads as more inclusive to LGBT people, men and others whose sex concerns aren't pregnancy-related.

Undoubtedly, the name 'Planned Parenthood' carries historical and political baggage. Even in Canada, it conjures images of the clinic protests and political struggles around abortion faced by Planned Parenthood affiliates in the United States. Unlike their American cousins, though, Canadian Planned Parenthoods have never provided in-house abortion services. Besides pregnancy counseling and affordable contraceptives, SHCS offers sexual health information, public education, drop-in clinics with volunteer nurses and physicians, as well as counseling with the new three-quarter-time nursing staffperson. Services are nonjudgmental, enabling clients to make informed decisions about their health by helping them thoroughly understand their options.

Even years after my little emergency, it can still be difficult to find knowledgeable, unbiased practitioners with whom I can feel comfortable being out. In November, SHCS will launch, with the Avenue Community Centre, twice-monthly clinics aimed specifically at queer and trans people. Clients come from all ages, genders, and orientations, but women ages fifteen to twenty-four make up the largest percentage of drop-ins. The Queer Clinic project is designed specifically to increase access to services for people who might be too intimidated to ask for them.

SHCS receives neither federal nor provincial grants, nor funds from the United Way (as do similar sexual health organizations in Toronto, Fredericton, Nanaimo and many other cities). As a result, SHCS clinics rely on professionals volunteering their time to provide many services. "Our nurses are absolutely wonderful, but we have a hard time finding doctors who are interested in doing queer clinics," says Reisner. Of course: if there were enough queer-friendly doctors, there wouldn't be demand for a GLBT clinic.

Reisner is clear that with the name change SHCS isn't shying away from its roots, but rather broadening its focus. The decision to change their name came at last fall's Annual General Meeting. Saskatoon wasn't the first group to make the leap; it followed the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health's (formerly Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada) change last year. It took nearly a year for SHCS's staff and volunteers to get ready for the change, including updating their logo and redesigning literature, website, and other materials.

Being contacted this spring by an enthusiastic class of nursing students was serendipity. Get Tested was the result of work done for a class in social marketing. Students worked with SHCS staff, board and community stakeholders to determine areas of greatest need and develop a corresponding graphic campaign that wrapped-in the name change and new visual identity. Citing Saskatchewan's high instances of the frequently symptomless but highly communicable sexually transmitted infections (STIs) chlamydia and gonorrhea, the students chose to focus on testing for sexually-transmitted infections.

Get Tested features sexily gender-ambiguous young people in dramatic black and red. The ads remind youth that Saskatoon has one of the highest rates of STIs in North America, and encourage them to get tested with slogans like "Gossip spreads fast: STIs spread faster". "Don't get left out," advises a poster with three people lying in a circle of rumpled sheets. Posters will go out to public and separate school boards, service agencies, and public spaces such as bars, nightclubs and theatres.

SHCS drop-in clinic is open Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon. Sexual Health Centre Saskatoon's website (sexualhealthcentresaskatoon.ca) will launch in mid-September. Until then, for more information or to volunteer, visit saskatoon.ppfc.info, email plannedparenthood.s.c@shaw.ca or call (306) 244-7989. To find a queer-friendly sexual health clinic near you, contact the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health at **ppfc.ca**. ▼

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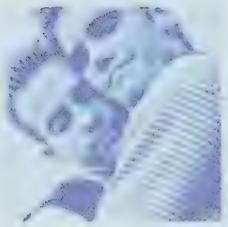

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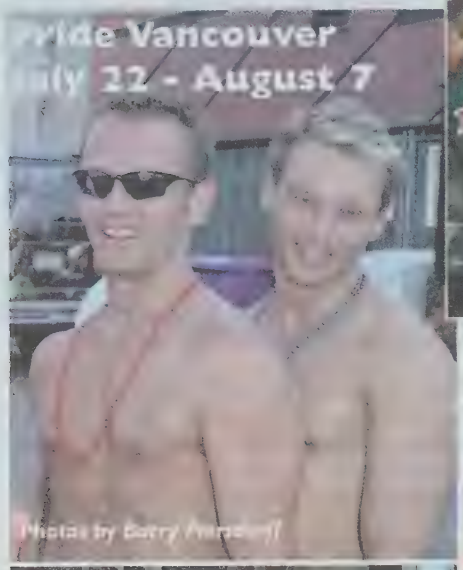

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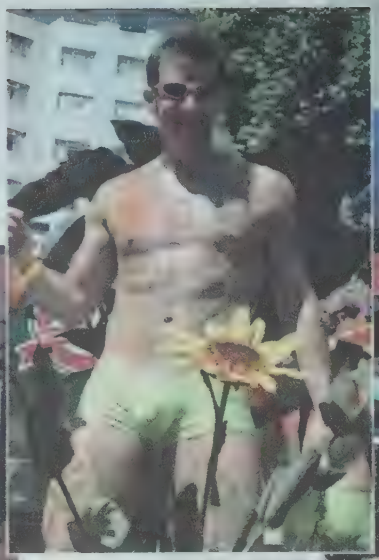
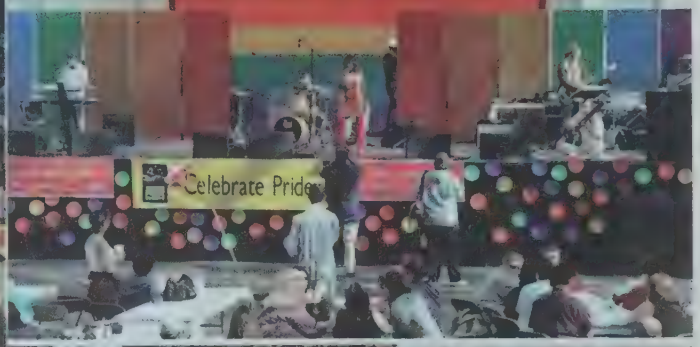
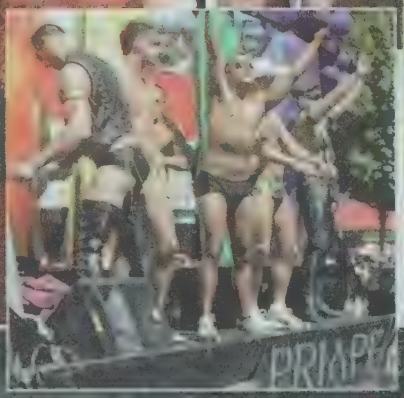


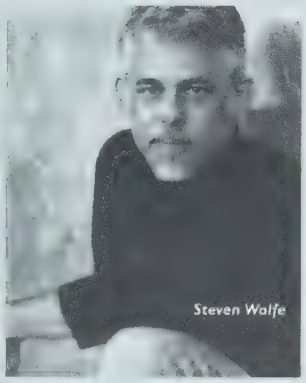




Queeries with Steven J. Wolfe

By Matt Salton

Steven J. Wolfe is the co-producer of the September DVD release *Hellbent*. The film is being touted as the first gay "slasher" movie. His production credits include *Relax...It's Just Sex, Circuit, Hunk and Twin Falls Idaho*. *Outlooks* had a chance to catch up with him in California to talk about all things scary.


Steven Wolfe

Outlooks: You're known for your eclectic taste in film—is that why you chose to produce a gay horror movie?

Wolfe: (Laughs) If I haven't done it yet, I want to (that is to make a film that's different than something I've done before). Seriously, I wanted to make a gay date movie—a Saturday night popcorn film for gay audiences. I thought that was something missing in the market place. A genre film that had no issues; same formula that we are used to seeing all the time for straight audiences, only it was happening in a gay world. Gay audiences don't often get a chance to see anything that is a tried and true formula, but all the characters are gay. I didn't want any type of message or issues. We've seen every type of coming out story, and so many films that deal with AIDS or other serious issues in the community. These are important topics, but we're entitled to just have fun sometimes!

Outlooks: Executive Producer Joseph Wolf left a legacy of not only co-creating the original *Halloween* series but also co-producing the original *A Nightmare On Elm Street*. Did you share his keen intuition for what scares an audience?

From HellBent

Wolfe: He was a great man and we worked closely together every day on *Hellbent* for five years. We shared a common vision for this film and I'd like to think we did share a keen intuition for what scares an audience. We had lots of in depth conversations during the development of the project about the horror genre. We had developed a script for a gay horror film—before *Hellbent*—that we abandoned because it didn't work for either of us. Joe taught me a lot about horror in our discussions and I thought him a lot about what works for Gay audiences. He was very interested in making a (horror) film that would work for gay audiences. It was a great partnership. He was excited about *Hellbent* up until the day he died. I never saw so much enthusiasm in someone his age for their work. He's been a huge inspiration to me.

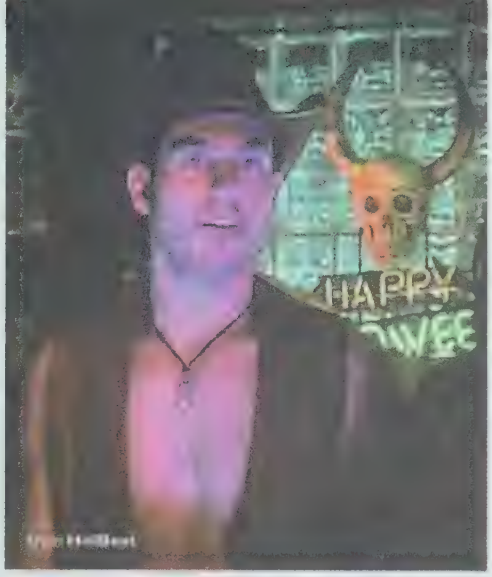
Outlooks: You are the chairman and CEO of Sneak Preview Entertainment that represents gay icon and perpetual scream queen Nancy Allen. Where the heck was her cameo in *Hellbent?*

Wolfe: Don't think I didn't try every which way I could to figure out how to work her into *Hellbent*! I'm saving her for the sequel! Maybe we'll do a lesbian twist next time around. What do you think?

Outlooks: Um, no thank you. [see review] You've produced other gay themed films including *Relax...It's Just Sex* and *Circuit*. As more and more queer films are mainstreaming, do you still see an importance for independently produced queer content?

Wolfe: I think we are in our infancy in that respect. What we did with *Hellbent* is what I think we are going to see much more of (films that don't necessarily revolve around issues, but those that just entertain). As we move more into the mainstream, what better way to show that we are all alike than to just be a bit more matter of fact about our portrayal of queer people in society? Don't get me wrong, I think issue films are important for all audiences. But I'm excited about the fact that we can be well-adjusted characters in movies without "gay specific" issues. That signals true acceptance to me. I subscribe to the "build it and they will come" theory. (Now watch my next film be a super gay-issue oriented film!) But, to answer your question, yes, I do see an importance. It's through indie filmmaking where we can set the trends and take the chances in whatever we do.

Outlooks: In three words, describe *Hellbent* writer/director Paul Etheredge-Ouzts.



Wolfe: Wow, that's a tall order! I'd sure hate for anyone to think I could be summed up in three words! Paul did a great job on *Hellbent*. I'm really pleased with the film. He brought so much to the project and I'm thrilled to have given him his first feature as a writer/director. I took a chance and the film completely lived up to my expectations.

Outlooks: Why is there no explanation to the killer's motive or identity?

Wolfe: In real life we don't get any explanation on why serial killers are killing (or at least not until long after they have murdered most of there victims). And the reasons are never really that interesting anyway. Their motives don't make sense, no matter how you figure it. We thought long and hard about this while developing the screenplay and made the conscious decision not to reveal the killer's reasons for murdering his victims. Whatever we chose, it would have been cheesy. Think about it. Is it really that interesting (or scary) to spend time finding out the killer's mom locked him in a closet when he was a kid? Or that he went on a killing spree because he couldn't get it up with his first girlfriend? We felt it was more beneficial to spend screen time creating characters an audience can root for and put them in a dangerous situation. That creates suspense. And that's how it is in real life. We're afraid of what we don't know. Not what we know. Paul specifically created a scene to talk about this issue within the film. The four friends talk about all the crazy motives that killers have when they are in the car in the park (in the same spot where the murders occur earlier in the film) before they venture into the carnival. They surmise, "It's always the mother's fault". Isn't that what everyone thinks anyway? How much more gay can you get than that, really? We fashioned the film after the original *Halloween*. You didn't find out Mike Myer's real motives until the sequels.

Outlooks: Do you foresee a sequel in the works for *Hellbent?*

Wolfe: Well, everyone wants to know why he did it, don't they? (Laughs) If we told you in the first one, how would we get you back into the theaters for the second one?

Outlooks: You've produced (at press time) five films featuring Oscar nominated actress Jennifer Tilly. Tell the truth, is she blackmailing you and if so, what kind of dirt does she have on you?

Wolfe: She's got more dirt on me than anyone I know. We're working on number six right now! Seriously, Jennifer Tilly is the kind of talent a producer dreams of working with just once in their career. I'm truly blessed here! ▼

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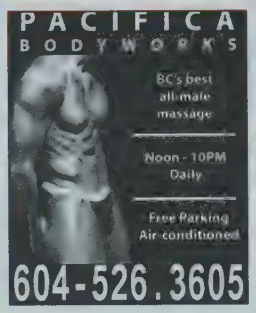

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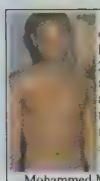

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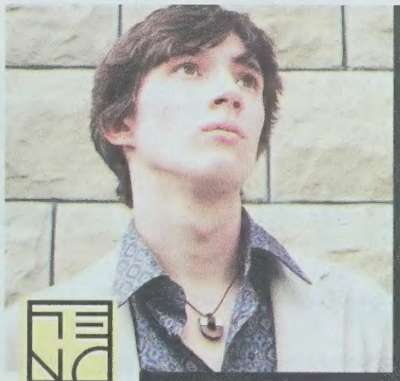

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Two roommates, Adam Kubick and David Jelinek, are skiing buddies plus much more. Adam is the early riser and starts the day first with a shower and shave before he attempts to awaken David. On this particular morning, David is in a very deep sleep and Adam has to shake him hard to break the coma. However, once awakened David is ready for a morning roughhouse, which ends in a sexual romp. A fully aroused David is an amazing sight and Adam submits to his power. David takes over with a perfect ten inches that would start any day off right. They quickly forget the awaiting slopes and friends in order to enjoy a morning wake-up just for two.

Out on the slopes, the rest of their friends are already planning the après ski party for that night. Skiing, sunshine and fresh air invigorate these healthy young studs and at the end of the day, nobody seems tired. They are ready to party into the night as they head to their rooms to dress for the occasion.

Genadij and Leo are sharing a room and they have other plans immediately as they cross the threshold into their room. Leo knows that Genadij boasts a perfect ten inches and he is determined to make love before the evening's festivities begin. With no contest, Leo leads the action and the two are engaged in hot sex when their friend Denis Read arrives to accompany them to the party. Inevitably, a stunning threesome prevents them from heading out to join the rest of the group.

At the bowling alley, Joe Donovan, Mark Zebro and Ladislav Bohar are knocking down the pins while they wait for the rest of the group to arrive. Their patience runs out when no one shows up and a whole knew ball game begins. The three studs strip to their underwear and in short order Mark reveals twelve inches that just refuses to stay inside his tight briefs. Joe and Ladislav are content to forget bowling and concentrate on this one big target that won't settle for less than two open mouths to deliver satisfaction.

This prelude to winter sports will satisfy the avid skier or boarder who can't wait for the snowy season to come.

RATING:
(OUT OF FIVE STARS)

MUSIC:	★★★★
BODIES:	★★★★★
ACTION:	★★★★★
SETS:	★★★★
STORY:	★★

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Bare Chat

From: Bare Studio

Featuring: Cameron Jackson, Johny Hunter, Patrik Dorsy, Jay Arner, Chris Frost, Alex Manchini, Marco Filipi, Jan Kus, Jay Gregory, Justin Corner, Ronnie Badell, Joe Kean, Sanchez Viva, Thomas Lee, Alan Capier

Running Time: 110 minutes

Millions of people meet each other every day on the Internet. Many meet via webcam while others choose online chat. This movie is about several young men who are very adept at making these online connections, which often lead to meeting each other in the flesh. It's all about online dating, sex and fun with utterly gorgeous young guys as they hook up.

Sexy young Cameron Jackson is relaxing at home on his couch with a good book when his friend Marco Filipe arrives to borrow some time on Cameron's laptop. Everything is fine until Marco discovers the photos, which Cameron was viewing the last time he used his computer. The pictures of naked men on the screen give Marco an instant hard on which is difficult to conceal from his friend. Pretty soon, Cameron joins Marco to see what is going on and they decide the real thing is better than just looking at men on a computer screen. Cameron starts by lowering his jeans to reveal the bulge in his underwear created by ten inches straining to be set free. Then Marco reveals that his man-meat is equally impressive and the computer screen action is replaced with real skin on skin for these two hot studs.

Next up on the webcam is Johny who is from Prague but is now living in London as a student where his online dating leads to a real life game of pool with his new Internet buddy Patrik Dorsy. The only problem with the game is that every time Johny leans over the pool table to make a shot Patrik cannot resist squeezing Johny's perfectly round, tight butt. This throws Johny right off his game, so he submits to Patrik's advances. The pool table takes on a new look, as the sex games are with a different set of balls and long hard cues in hot action. They both know the score and it's a win-win game.

With each new online session between couples and groups, there is an inevitable real-life meeting of these horny well-hung studs. They all have one thing on their mind and these are casual no-nonsense sexcapades—then it's right back to the computer for another mystery match up.

RATING:
(OUT OF FIVE STARS)

MUSIC:	★★★★★
BODIES:	★★★★★½
ACTION:	★★★★★½
SETS:	★★★★★
STORY:	★★★★★

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Upcoming fundraising Events

Recent fundraising results

Recent donations from The PumpJack Pub include:

$250 donated to **TLC: The Land Conservancy, the Joy Kogawa House Project**. Details at **www.conservancy.bc.ca**

$300 donated to the ***GAB Youth Queer Prom*** - July 14th. The Queer prom was put on by **Gab Youth Services @ The Centre**, with partners Vancouver Coastal Health and Little Sisters. DJ Drewtopia and DK Aki spun at this alcohol and drug-free event.

WHOOSSH T Dance! What a great day...sun, cocktails and SEXY people! Special Thank You to DJs Speedee Pete and Quest. The music was incredible! Ms Willie Taylor...Whistler loves you baby! And to everyone who came out... ***Together we raised $1,150 for Camp Moomba!*** AMAZING!! And then Late Night WHOOSSH. At the South Side Diner proved to be another Great success!! Thanks to Dave and Les for taking care of the gang! ***Next WHOOSSH Saturday Dec 9th... Christmas WHOOSH***

Upcoming dinner/auctions!

Passions, first out of the gate on **Sunday, September 17, 2006**, is held at the **Dr. Peter Centre**, at Comox and Thurlow. $175 will get you an evening of haute cuisine from 14 of Vancouver's Top Chefs, plus an auction. All to benefit the good work at the **Dr. Peter Centre**. Check out **www.drpeter.org** for more info.

Shooting Stars Foundation's *Gambado!* Taking place **Saturday (yes, Saturday!!) October 7th**, on Granville Island, starting at the spectacular **Granville Island Hotel**, then moving over to **Performance Works**. $150 for Dinner & Auction, $20 for Auction only. Get ready for a huge selection of both silent and live auction items. Details found at **www.shootingstarsfoundation.org**

Finally, on **Sunday, October15th** comes the 13th annual ***Art for Life*** in support of **Friends for Life**. Come hang with the crème de la crème, with a most entertaining live auction. Held at the **Four Seasons Hotel**, no less. Check out **www.artforlife.net** for details.

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